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FROM street pastor to panini chef, Nat Thomson has been running his coffee shop Eleos in Chard for over a year now, which is going from strength to strength, employing five staff including local sixth formers.

Living up to his cafe's name, which means mercy or compassion, Eleos owner Nat has a passion for community engagement and is still and active member of the street pastors at the weekends, but has also just registered for the new Safe Places Scheme.

The scheme, launched by the police, helps vulnerable people deal with difficult situations that make them feel scared or at risk whilst they are out and about in the community. This could be anything from being lost to losing a mobile phone or being harassed or bullied. Shops, services or businesses who agree to be a Safe Place put a logo sticker in their window so it can be easily seen.

● HOW is the business going?

It's going extremely well, with lots of positive feedback from local people who realise we have brought something a bit different to the town. We have a good demographic mix.

● WHAT are your future plans?

My wife Sarah is joining us so we can increase our evening trade and look at potential new ideas to draw people in and get them out of their homes in the evenings.

● WHAT is your favourite food?

I love haggis, that's my real favourite. Sarah and I share cooking at home, I do like lasagne as well. On the menu at Eleos my favourite would have to be the chicken and peppers savoury pancakes.

● WHAT is your biggest seller?

The paninis during the day but when the kids come out of school it changes to pizza and our ice cream sundaes. The crepes are really popular too, because they are a bit different and people are often surprised when they first try a savoury one.

● DO you have any pet hates?

Yes, winging and complaining about something instead of finding a solution. Usually if you think about it you can come up with the answer.

● DO you have any hobbies?

I go to Tai Kwon Do at the Unit with Nina Anderson once a week. It is predominantly so I can spend time with my youngest son Miles but it's very systematical and methodical and a useful defensive tool.

● WHAT changes would you like to see in Chard?



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I would love to see a universal brand for Chard, with everyone putting aside their own agenda for the greater good and creating one digital place, for instance, and signposting each other. I have business cards and bed and breakfast leaflets so if anyone asks I can point them to another business in the town.

● IF you had unlimited funds what would you like to do?

Well, slightly bigger premises would be sensible but I work on the "if it ain't broke don't fix it" scenario so I would carry on doing what we do but with better machinery and greater job security and wages. It would give me more time out to liaise with local businesses. Chard used to be known for so much, I would love to see that again.

● HOW else are you involved in community?

We started a suspended coffee scheme, it's an international idea where you buy a coffee and buy one for someone else who can't afford one. We keep a record of it on a board. Our customers have taken it further and bought food as well, which we will pass on to the Lord's Larder and liaise with Forefront Community Centre. It's not just the homeless that deserve a treat, any one of us could find ourselves down on luck at sometime.

WHAT do you think of the Town Team?

I would like to give them a big high five for what they did with the Christmas lights night, I think they were pretty awesome. We need more events, like a summer concert or the Women in Music that used to happen years ago and involved a number of venues throughout the town.

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Prince's Countryside Fund to support Somerset's flooded communities

HIS Royal Highness The Prince of Wales attended a reception at Stoke St Gregory village hall this week to meet some of the organisations providing support to the region following weeks of endless flooding in Somerset.

He has been hearing first-hand the plight of rural communities who are struggling with severe flooding as a result of the wettest January since records began.

In response The Prince's Countryside Fund has announced it will donate £50,000 from its emergency fund to help farmers and rural communities in Somerset.

The Duke of Westminster has generously confirmed he will personally match the funding and donate an additional £50,000 taking the total available to £100,000.

The Prince's Countryside Fund has allocated £25,000 of the emer-

gency funding to The Farming Help Partnership (The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI), Farm Community Network (FCN) and the Addington Fund), a further £25,000 has been given to Somerset Community Foundation.

Victoria Elms from The Prince's Countryside Fund said: "Rural communities in the South-west are facing a second consecutive year of flooding. The Prince's Countryside Fund exists to support the people who live and work in the countryside and we hope this financial aid will go some way to supporting the farmers, businesses and families who are facing severe hardships as a result of the flooding."

"Rural businesses are key to thriving communities and we want to help get hard hit villages back on their feet and open for business."

Somerset Community Foundation will use the funding to provide emergency relief grants to small businesses and individuals affected by the flooding. It is hoped this funding will help them meet the immediate financial burdens of emergency repairs as well as helping to compensate for loss of income, damage of shop stock and the increased petrol costs of simply getting the children to school on extended daily commutes.

The Farming Help Charities will distribute the money between them according to need. They are all aware that the total costs of the severe weather are yet to be counted.

Paul Burrows, Chief Executive, RABI said: "We're anticipating more requests from the farming community in the coming months as the full impact of the flooding has not been realised."

"Flooding causes huge devastation on property, land and the morale of communities, and once flood waters recede and the media attention wanes, people still need help to recover."

The Prince's Countryside Fund, was founded by HRH The Prince of Wales, who has a long-held commitment to supporting Britain's hard pressed rural areas. It was set up by Business in the Community in July 2010 and so far it has given more than £3.8

million in grants distributed to over 85 projects across the country, directly benefitting 64,000 people.

Projects that have been funded range from apprenticeships for budding hill farmers, training for young people to gain employment in the rural economy, community transport schemes in isolated rural areas and projects to educate school children about where their food comes from and why the countryside matters.

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HAVING recently visited South West Coaches, I was met with a warm welcome at a privately owned, family run company. Upon entering reception I learnt that they run a number of excellent value holidays to a variety of different places, as well as many short breaks and day trips.

The business is owned by Mr and Mrs Alan Graham, who operate from three locations: Lufton Business Park in Yeovil, Southgate Road in Wincanton and Tradecroft Industrial Estate on the Isle of Portland.

In 1987 Mr & Mrs Graham went into business buying a third of a company called A. G. Hulbert and Son. A.G. Hulbert and Son operated from Victoria Road, Yeovil and successfully ran a fleet of around 14 minibuses which ranged from 8 seats to 24 seats. The vehicles were used to transport children and adults to various schools in and around Yeovil, they also specialised in PHAB transportation (Physically Handicapped Able Bodied). Mr Graham's passion for the bus industry was soon realised and he grew the company over a period of 13 years adding day excursions & holidays to his portfolio. The fleet also grew at which point an opportunity came his way...

In 2000 a local company called Wakes Services came on the market. This company was based in Wincanton which posed a different set of challenges. Knowing that the operation in Yeovil was becoming larger Mr Graham decided to merge A.G. Hulbert & Son with Wakes Services thus creating South West Coaches Ltd. The company was now providing minibus transport, school transport, public transport and private hire work alongside day excursions and holiday tours but this time on a much larger scale as the company was now in ownership of a fleet of large buses and coaches taking the total fleet size to in excess of 50 vehicles. The Victoria Road site was quickly sold and a yard on Lufton Business Park was purchased. Over the following years Mr & Mrs Graham became the

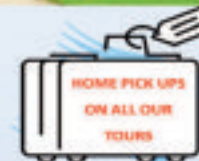
sole owners of South West Coaches Ltd.

South West Coaches went from strength to strength and in 2007 Safeway Services came on the market and a purchase agreement was made. In the same year Yeovil Town saw a major boost to its infrastructure with four brand new Optare Solo buses, this was soon followed by a new Optare Versa for the 81 South Petherton service and an additional new vehicle to the No 1 Shepton Mallet service. The most recent purchase came in 2009 when they entered Dorset and purchased an operation on the Isle of Portland, Sureline was now part of the South West Coaches group.

They are currently one of the largest privately owned coach operators in the South West of England, employing over 120 members of staff, with a fleet of 98 vehicles. They continue to operate Bus Services throughout Somerset, Wiltshire and Dorset with more than 629,000 journeys every year. The School transport operation helps to get in excess of 2,500 students to and from School and College every day, and the day excursion programme offers more than 150 days out throughout the year, whilst the 2014 Tour programme has over 20 holidays & short breaks to choose from.



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■ AS part of the national campaign "Time to Talk, Time to Change", which aims to bring conversation about mental health into the open, students from Yeovil college visited the Working all Together project in Chard.

The level one health and social care students had spent three weeks looking at mood foods and promoting healthy eating, studying nutrients for all age groups.

Part of this was looking at health and physical and emotional needs.

They were each given a questionnaire filled out by a WATCH members listing their likes and dislikes and any special dietary requirement and challenged to make them a meal. They also made lunch for themselves and then sat down with the WATCH members to share food and conversation.

Pictured are Jo Hunt (volunteer), WATCH members Debbie Jackson, Matthew Barnes and Ian Newland, Yeovil students Sophie Haime, Yazmin Gander and Kelsey Wilson and course manager Denise Hodgson.

Inquiry cancelled at last minute

A PUBLIC inquiry due to take place on a controversial planning application this week, was cancelled at the last minute.

The appeal by David Wilson Homes for the development of up to 110 residential dwellings, together, with a formation of a new access and related works, was due to have been heard by the planning inspector at the Guildhall on Tuesday morning (February 4th).

The Planning Inspectorate informed South Som-

erset District Council of the postponement last Friday, giving them little time to inform the public of the change. A new date for the public inquiry will be issued in due course.

The proposed development to the east of Crimchard was already rejected by the South Somerset District Council Area West Committee in August 2013 as being an unnecessary "urban sprawl" on agricultural land in the wrong area, which would put the town out of balance.

Shop draw good for business

CHARD Town Team ran a successful thank you draw leading up to Christmas for customers of Chard independent shops.

They are pleased to announce the first prize was won by Marcus Druce, who shopped at Top Togs, second prize was Liz Mathur who shopped at Barron's, and third prize was Shirley Govier who used Orchard Osteopaths.

Chairman Garry Shortland said: "This is one of the ways in which we are helping to promote the shops here in Chard it is important that the people of Chard support the town shops otherwise they will disappear."

"Another Town Team



■ PRIZE WINNER: Chairman of Chard Town Team Garry Shortland with winner Marcus Druce and Jason Baker, vice chairman

pilot scheme is the pop up shop in Stringfellow Gallery in Holyrood Street where first time

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Police to set up Community Speed Watch in high street

CHARD police are looking for volunteers to start a Community Speed Watch group for the High Street and Snowdon Heights area of the town.

The area's PCSO Julie Middleditch is hoping to generate enough support among local people and to help improve road safety.

Community Speed Watch gives local people the ability to actively get involved in road safety.

By Marion Draper

A Speed Watch consists of local residents, who are willing to volunteer a small amount of time each week to monitor vehicle speeds with speed detection equipment.

Offenders receive a letter from police warning them about their driving behaviour. Persistent offenders will receive a second

warning letter, and on a third occasion, offenders can expect further action by police.

At present there are more than 100 Community Speed Watch schemes successfully running within the Avon and Somerset area.

You can contact PCSO Middleditch at Chard police station by calling 101.

For more information go to the website www.avonandsomerset.police.uk and search Community Speed Watch.

Volunteers needed for sight charity

SOMERSET Sight is keen to recruit volunteer visitors in Chard to help visually impaired people.

The charity's volunteers will receive specialised training from Somerset Sight and will be part of a large county-wide team, receiving support and encouragement all the way.

A spokesperson for the charity said: "We always endeavour to match a volunteer bearing in mind common interests

and personalities.

"As a volunteer you would visit a person in their own home once a fortnight for a couple of hours to offer companionship and practical support, or perhaps a trip out for a cup of coffee. You will be introduced to one person, who will be your perma-

nent partner and visits will be flexible, at a time to fit in around your daily life.

"If you like the sound of this opportunity, please call the volunteer visitor co-ordinator Sandra Harris on 01823 325785. She would be pleased to hear from you for an informal chat about the service."

Museum ready for new season

TRUSTEES of Chard Museum got together recently for their first meeting of the year to welcome Rachel Bellamy, the new museum development officer, and to discuss plans for the coming season, prior to the museum re-opening for the season, in April.

Chairman Dave Ricketts outlined the museum's financial position, which, despite a lack of grants from South Somerset District Council, remains positive, and Dee Manley, chair of the display com-

mittee, gave details of the new exhibits this year. These will focus on World Wars I and II, in light of the centenary of the outbreak of WWI and the 70th anniversary of D-Day events that will be taking place this year.

The development officer was on hand to offer advice in relation to available funds for development and training, to help secure the museum's future, and councillor Linda Vijeh, who remains a trustee and organises fundraising ac-

tivities for the museum, plans to hold several private events at the museum, giving visitors a peek behind the scenes.

Councillor Tony Prior, who has been involved with the museum for sometime, and was treasurer for 10 years, has decided to step down.

The museum is always keen to recruit new volunteers to support their activities, and to welcome the many visitors that come from all parts of the world, really putting Chard on the map.



■ NEW DISPLAY: Chard Museum Chairman Dave Ricketts, development officer Rachel Bellamy and Dee Manley Chair of the display committee

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■ **WE ARE WATCHING YOU:** Anthony Warren with Maya, Councillor Angie Singleton, deputy town clerk Annette Roffey, Ian Clarke, Robin and Sue Gibbons with Arnie, and Betty Spanswick with Amber

Dog Watch patrols Henhayes

A GROUP of concerned dog walkers, keen to keep the privilege to exercise their pets on the Henhayes recreation ground in Crewkerne, have volunteered to become Dog Watch wardens.

The initiative was suggested as a potential solution by the town council after a public meeting on the subject, where sports players and dog walkers clashed over views on whether canines should be permanently banned from the field on health and safety grounds.

The walkers pointed out that it was a vital amenity for the older population with canine companions, as walking the more rugged footpaths through the fields was not an option, while members of sports clubs argued they did not want to see dog's mess on the field.

As a solution, the Dog Watch volunteers will take turns to patrol the recreation ground and look out for

those who are not picking up after their pets. They will be armed with cards to hand out to all dog walkers, stressing the importance of picking up dog mess and keeping their dogs under control if they are to be allowed continued access to the facility.

The reverse of the card lists official information from South Somerset District Council on how to contact the enforcement officer should they see anyone allowing their dog to foul and not cleaning up.

The hope is that this will act as a deterrent and the minority of dog owners who are not being responsible will think again, and that regular users of the field will be prepared to report any offenders they witness.

● If you fail to pick up after your dog you are liable to a fixed penalty fee of £80 or up to £1,000 if you are convicted.

Community support group for those suffering with dementia

WITH government cutbacks on healthcare encouraging more care in the community projects, the Henhayes Community Centre in Crewkerne has been offering a support group for dementia sufferers and their carers, which is currently undersubscribed.

Trustees Maureen Spinney and Tim Udall are concerned that there must be carers within the local community who are isolated and trying to cope alone, unaware of the support and help they could receive at the weekly group meetings.

The centre holds a Monday Memory group, designed for a maximum of 10 members so as not to be intimidating, where people with dementia can enjoy activities to stimulate them, such as reminiscence conversations, balloon football, boccia, painting and even using a computer.

Carers can have a break and get advice on benefits and other services available to them while their loved one is also enjoying a change of scenery.

Door-to-door transport is available via the community voluntary transport bus and there is the option of staying for lunch.

Mrs Spinney, herself a retired professional carer, has



■ **HOME FROM HOME:** Volunteers at the Tuesday Group around the fireplace at the Henhayes Community Centre

been running the group but wants to take a step back. The centre's trustees have now obtained initial funding for a year, from Somerset

Community Foundation, and a further grant from the county councillor's health and wellbeing budget last year, so they are in a position to be looking for a project co-ordinator and activity worker to run the group.

Mrs Spinney said a large part of coping with dementia, both for the sufferer and their carer, is depression, so getting out of the house for just a couple of hours each week could make a huge difference.

Mr Udall added that the trustees felt it was important to offer this kind of service in a non-medical environment, the aim being to support carers so those with dementia can stay in their own homes longer.

Because the centre is a charity, service users are charged a nominal fee of £2 because, ultimately, the group does have to become self-financing.

Monday Memory Group activity sessions run every week from 10am to 12noon with the option to stay until 1.30pm for lunch.

In addition, the centre runs a Tuesday group which is for all over 70s

who are vulnerable or isolated, which has even more activities such as crafts, flexercise and quizzes, and is a well-subscribed group. Those in the early stages of dementia could also attend this group.

Mrs Spinney said they wanted a focus for the group, something familiar every week, and asked members what they remembered most. They all said a fireplace so Janet Potter of the local U3A painted them one. A bookcase and television were also added and, together with a real standard lamp, there is a cosy corner set up in the meeting room every week.

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Rotarians enjoy dinner in the dark

ILMINSTER Rotarians and their friends gathered at the home of Brenda Lake this week to take part in a "Dinner in the Dark", cooked by fellow Rotarian and professional chef, Linda Piggott-Vijeh.

The meal was one of the lots up for grabs at the club's recent auction of promises to raise funds for charity, and to add a twist to an old theme, Ms Vijeh insisted that all of the guests ate their meal blindfolded.

She said: "It was a bit of a nightmare as the list of things the guests could not eat was so long and included everything from custard to lamb and avocados, making it a bit tricky to come up with an interesting meal

that everyone would enjoy. Just to make sure they didn't cheat I also turned all the lights off"

The hostess commented: "Not being able to see what we were eating was quite unnerving. It just goes to show how much we all rely on being able to see our food. We were all hopeless when it came to guessing what Linda had prepared for our 10-course meal, which took over three hours for us to eat.

"It was, however, all in a good cause to help our club raise money for local charities."

■ **EATING WITHOUT SEEING:** Pictured right, Ilminster Rotarians dine blindfolded for charity



Lions support Christmas lights

□ ILMINSTER and District Lions Club raised a magnificent £605 by selling mulled wine at the town's Victorian evening and Christmas lights ceremony last November. President Roger Taylor recently presented the proceeds to Clinton Bonner, chairman of the Christmas lights committee, outside R. McQueen & Son, who are also on the committee even though the lights don't reach that far along Ditton Street.

Zumba comes to Ilminster



■ **FIT AND HEALTHY:** The Ilminster Zumba Gold group with Charlotte Bly and Sam Wenden-de-Lira in the centre

WITH funding from South Somerset District Council and a large helping of local enthusiasm, Ilminster now has a brand new exercise class.

The new Zumba Gold class has been set up to offer beginners to exercise and older adults the chance to enjoy the benefits of Zumba in a welcoming environment. Classes take place on Wednesdays in the parish hall from 1pm to 1.50pm.

Sam Wenden-de-Lira, healthy lifestyles officer at South Somerset District Council, said: "Following a meeting with Ilminster based health trainers it became apparent that there were not many activity classes aimed at beginners and older adults during the day in Ilminster.

"It was agreed that as a part of our Active Somerset programme we would fill this gap with a Zumba Gold class. Zumba Gold is a less intense version of Zumba which is suitable for beginners and older adults."

Active Somerset aims to improve opportunities for activities across the county. The programme kick-starts local exercise op-

portunities with funding for 12 week pilot sessions, paying for hall hire and the short fall for instructors.

Instructor Charlotte Bly said: "Our class is low impact, with dance routines designed for beginners and older adults using modified movements. The class improves balance, flexibility and cardiovascular fitness. It's an invigorating community-orientated dance fitness work-out that feels fresh, and most of all, exhilarating!"

"It's wonderful that Active Somerset funding has been able to help me set up the class. It's always hard to get a new class off the ground."

The Active Somerset programme has helped to set up dozens of exercise classes in South Somerset. If you are an instructor interested in piloting a 12 week programme of classes in your community, or would like to find out more about Active Somerset, please get in touch with Sam Wenden-de-Lira on 01935 462346 or email sam.wenden-de-lira@southsomerset.gov.uk

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Woodland marks fifth anniversary



■ **TREE HUGGERS:** Joseph and Daniel Baker aged 6 and 9

■ **VALENTINE'S** Day will mark the fifth anniversary of the Eames Community Woodland, near Ilminster.

Tree planting at the woodland began in 2009 when local tree warden and member of Somerset Climate Action Group, Pamela Sellers, asked landowner Lord Ewen Cameron if the wasteland, near the mill pond, could be put to community use.

The estate cleared the site and landscape architect Linda Self drew up initial plans, which volunteers acted upon, planting a range of native trees and shrubs with the help of financial and sapling donations.

With the traditional fifth anniversary gift being wood and 2014 being the Chinese year of the wooden horse, there will be no better time to show support for the community woodland, whether you have sponsored a tree or not. Anyone who can spare an hour or two to help remove tree guards, trample down weeds, and reclaim trees is welcome to join in over the weekend of February 15th and 16th.

For more information email eamespass@talk-talk.net



Visitors help Vera celebrate 100th birthday

□ **FOR A SPECIAL LADY:** Home carer Alison Hunt presenting flowers on behalf of Care South to Vera Greensides on her 100th birthday

ILMINSTER resident Vera Greensides entertained a near constant stream of visitors at her home last week, as she celebrated her 100th birthday.

Vera's family and friends, old and new, dropped by for a visit to mark the big day. Fellow residents in Vera's building also organised a party for her later in the day, where everyone tucked into a homemade cake.

During her daily call to Vera, home carer Alison Hunt presented the birthday girl with a bouquet of flowers to celebrate, organised by Care South head office.

Born the year the First World War broke out in Britain, Vera grew up in Devon and went on to attend grammar school in Tiverton when she was 11. Upon leaving school, she worked in administration, carrying out secretarial duties and book-keeping.

Keen bowlers, she and her husband moved to Somerset in the 1990s and joined the Ilminster bowling team. They played for the team for a number of years and enjoyed coaching younger players in their spare time.

Vera remained in Ilminster after her husband passed away and it has now been her home for more than 20 years.

Lyn Couldwell, domiciliary care operations manager at Care South, said: "Vera is very popular among our home care staff and Alison was delighted to be there for her birthday.

"Vera seemed very pleased with the flowers we sent her and received lots of beautiful cards from her family and friends. The number of visitors she received is testament to the kindness she shows to those around her."

NEWS FROM CREWKERNE

Rotary hosts Youth Speaks contest at Wadham

CREWKERNE Rotary Club held another successful youth speaking event at Wadham School on the evening of Monday, January 27th.

Three intermediate teams, from Chilton Cantelo and Preston schools and Maiden Beech Academy in Crewkerne, were expected to attend but unfortunately the latter was unable to attend. In the seniors there were six teams, with one being from Wadham.

Adjudicators this year were Dorothy Tozer, Philip Hardwill and newcomer Rosemary Prince. Rotarian Tim Udall made the introductions with fellow members Ron Spencer as timekeeper and Ian Fowler co-ordinating the event.

All competitors received certificates, which were presented by Rotary president Robin Heyd Smith.

The students spoke on several topics around the subject of football but the winning all-girls senior team from Westfield Academy gave a passionate speech about supporting local theatres and how important they are for generating the local economy.

Runners-up were the Park School team with the unusual subject on meerkats and how there seemed to be more public interest in fluffy advertising characters than world events, but how advertisements had done a lot to reduce racial stereotyping by making an eastern European accent friendly.

By Marion Draper

The speaker also came up with a clever answer when asked how we should recycle.

Home side Wadham gave a humorous speech on their interpretation of manliness but lost marks for being a bit too casual, both in dress and attitude.

Summing up, Mr Hardwill said that, as always, the judges had been amazed by the standard and incredible choice of subjects.

He added that they now all knew much more about football than they ever needed to, and how hard it must have been for those following with a similar subject, as nobody had known what the others would talk about until the night.

He added that, as the event was very much a team competition, it was important that all three worked together and that those not speaking should at least look interested and the proposer should thank the speaker.

He said there were some excellent speakers with most being very comfortable, with little use of notes.

The intermediate winners and senior winners and runners-up all go through to the next round.

Refreshments were provided by the Crewkerne Inner Wheel. They accepted donations towards their charity for the year, the Wizzybug loan scheme that provides free fun powered wheelchairs designed specifically for children under five.



■ **WINNERS:** Back row, Rotarian Ian Fowler, adjudicators Dorothy Tozer, Philip Hardwill and Rosemary Prince, and Rotary president Robin Heyd Smith. Front row, Jacob Morris (Chilton Cantelo) Amy Kemp, Kath Mulhearn and Jemma Turner-Carter (Westfield). Right, the Park School team and, below, Wadham team - Sam Hoskyns, Stuart Weston and Will Skinner



Citizenship award nominations

THE time has come once again for the Crewkerne community to name an outstanding person to receive the annual citizenship award.

The purpose of the award is to enable the town to recognise those who have contributed most towards Crewkerne and its citizens.

Nominations are requested from residents on the electoral roll for Crewkerne to be received by the town clerk by Tuesday, March 19th.

The following details are required of all nominees: full name and address, age, period of residence in Crewkerne if appropriate and comprehensive reasons for nomination.

Nominations must be signed by three individual electors and nominees should not be told of their nomination. Nominations must be from individuals and will not be accepted from organisations or societies. Serving councillors from county, district and town councils are not eligible for this award.

Send nominations to: Town clerk, Town Hall, Market Square, Crewkerne, TA18 7LN.

Forms are available from the community office and town council office or on the website at www.crewkerne-town.org/TownCouncil. For further information call 01460 74001.

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Love is in the Air

Celebrate Valentine's Day with the help of these local businesses



The Story of St. Valentine

IN 270 A.D., marriage had been outlawed by the emperor of Rome, Claudius II. Claudius issued this decree because he thought that married men made bad soldiers since they were reluctant to be torn away from their families in the case of war. Claudius had also outlawed Christianity in this time period because he wished to be praised as the one supreme god, the Emperor of Rome. Valentine was the bishop of Interamna during this period of oppression. Valentine thought that the decrees of Rome were wrong. He believed that people should be free to love God and to marry. Valentine invited the young couples of the area to come to him. When they came, Valentine secretly performed services of matrimony and united the couples.

Valentine was eventually caught and was brought before the emperor. The emperor saw that Valentine had conviction and drive that was unsurpassed among his men. Claudius tried and tried to persuade Valentine to leave Christianity, serve the Roman empire and the Roman gods. In exchange, Claudius would pardon him and make him one of his allies. St. Valentine held to his faith and did not renounce Christ. Because of this, the emperor sentenced him to a three-part execution. First, Valentine would be beaten, then stoned, and then finally, decapitated. Valentine died on February 14th, 270 A.D.

While in prison, waiting for his sentence to be carried out, Valentine fell in love with the jailer's daughter, the blind Asterius. During the course of Valentine's prison stay, a miracle occurred and Asterius regained her sight. Valentine sent her a final farewell note. He signed his last note, "From Your Valentine." Even today, this message remains as the motto for our Valentine's Day celebrations.

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Celebrate Valentine's Day with the help of these local businesses



Most of you know that Valentines Day is supposed to be a day to declare your love. It is the holiday that sells the most the greeting cards with the exception of Christmas and it is also a holiday where gifts of candy and flowers are freely and not so freely given as tokens of affection. Here are a few fact's about Valentine's day you may not know.

1. In reality, there were actually 3 St. Valentine's. One was a priest, one a bishop and one little is known about except he was a martyr. The stories of the priest's and bishop's martyrdom are so closely related it is difficult to tell which St. Valentine the Holiday is named after.

2. According to legend it was St. Valentine himself who sent the first valentine in the form of a letter to his jailer's blind daughter with whom he had fallen in love. Just before he was put to death at the hands of King Claudius II for marrying the king's soldiers without the king's permission he penned a note to his love and signed it: From your Valentine.

3. It is believed that a mount Holyoke college student by the name of Ester Howland created the first lace valentine in the United States from lace, ribbon and colorful pictures. She has become known as the Mother of the Valentine.

4. Teachers receive more valentine cards than any one else, even children.

5. More than 650 million valentine cards are exchanged by children from ages 6-10 each year. Most of these cards are bought in the last 6 days leading up to Valentine's day.

6. Each year the city of Verona Italy receives more than 1000 valentine's addressed to Shakespeare's Juliet. It really is amazing how much affection a dead

fictional character can attract.

7. It was once believed that if a woman saw a flying robin on Valentine's day she would end up getting married to a sailor. If a sparrow was the bird she saw she would end up marrying a man that was poor and live a happy life, if she saw a goldfinch then she was to marry a man that was a millionaire. One can only wonder who she would marry if she saw a crow.

8. In 1929 at the height of prohibition Al Capone ordered the killing of members of a rival gang run by Bugs Moran in Chicago on Valentines Day. Authorities were unable to find any real evidence to tie Capone to the crime and he was never arrested or tried for the murder of these seven men. Instead he served his time for tax evasion.

9. More than 9 million pet owners buy gifts for their pets for Valentine's day. Now that is what can be called real puppy love.

10. It is estimated that 15% of the women in the United States who receive flowers for Valentine's day send them to themselves. There are no figures that tell how many of these women are married, single or in a relationship.



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Infants and pre-school join forces

SOUTH Petherton Infants Pre-School at Lightgate Lane had a special visit from local MP and Schools Minister David Laws.

South Pertherton Church of England Infants School took over the management of the pre-school in April last year. There are new staff on board and the school wanted to celebrate its achievements so far and officially open.

Governors, Geoff Abery and Sue Harrison, and teachers of the infant school attended the opening along with parents who were invited to join in with a session at the pre-school where they made bird feeders to take home.

David Laws was invited to plant a winter flowering cherry blossom tree, to start improvements to the outdoor learning area.

Mr Laws congratulated head teacher Lisa Farley and early years provider Sam Tomlinson on their Ofsted ratings and wished them well in their partnership.

He said he though the coming together was brilliant news, which would strengthen both the infants and pre-school.

He added: "South Pertherton is a big village and deserves an outstanding infants and pre-school and I think parents want to see more of the join up continuum in education. It is good for young people to have more continuity."

Mrs Farley said: "We were really pleased David Laws could come today. Although we took over in April last year, we have new staff and this seemed like a good point to launch the whole thing."

"The link between the two schools is really powerful and it's really important we have exceptional transition."

Since taking over the management, South Petherton Infants Pre-School has been graded "good" by Ofsted.

The pre-school takes children from age two



MARKING THE DAY: David Laws MP plants a cherry blossom tree for the pre school



■ LEARNING TOGETHER: South Petherton infants and pre-schoolers with David Laws MP, Headteacher Lisa Farley and early years provider Sam Tomlinson

and offers 15 hours free childcare to three and four-year-olds and for funded two-year-olds. The pre-school children enjoy visits to residential homes and local church events.

During last summer many improvements

were made to the pre-school building. The focus will now be to make the outdoor space more inviting to the children. A start has been made with the installation of an outdoor learning room.

New contracts for AugustaWestland

THE announcement that AgustaWestland has been awarded two contracts by the UK Ministry of Defence (MoD), valued at £760 million, will help the economic confidence in south Somerset grow and secure jobs for many living in Crewkerne, Chard and Ilminster.

The awarded contracts will help sustain approximately 175 highly skilled jobs at AgustaWesland and more than 500 jobs in the supply chain, including many smaller companies in the surrounding area.

Investing in businesses within south Somerset, helps investment in the local economy and shows that towns like Crewkerne, Chard and Ilminster, and their satellite villages, are great places to work, live and socialise.

AgustaWestland, a Finmeccanica company, has been awarded contracts to convert 25 AW101 Merlin helicopters for maritime operations under the Merlin Life Sustainment Programme (MLSP) and to provide the Apache AH Mk.1 Attack Helicopter fleet with comprehensive support and maintenance services for five years.

Councillor Ric Pallister, Leader of South Somerset District Council said:

“This order, and the Norwegian deal announced before Christmas, are hugely significant and vitally important for AugustaWestland as a company. However, it goes well beyond that for the people of south Somerset and the employment catchment area for the company and those businesses in the supply chain - be that accountants or local engineering companies.

“These orders provide security of employment and continuity for so many businesses across the district and that breeds confidence and success. Confidence to take out a first mortgage, confidence to move house, confidence to build that extension, confidence to expand a business or just the ability to take a much needed holiday. This confidence will help the local economy and everyone benefits.

"Unemployment continues to be at around half the national average and this news will undoubtedly help secure existing jobs and create new jobs and opportunities in the future."

A £1 billion pound deal to build new helicopters for the Norwegian Government at AgustaWestland in Yeovil, which will safeguard 3,000 jobs, was also announced in late December.

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CAB receives £5,000 from charitable trust

SOUTH Somerset Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) has received a generous £5,000 from Battens Solicitors through its charitable trust to pay for new computers for use at the CAB in Yeovil.

Staff and volunteers use computers every day to research the advice that people need. More recently the CAB has started giving advice by email and has set up its own website.

Georgina Burton, South Somerset Citizens

Advice Bureau Chief Executive said: "Having up to date computers becomes more and more important to us as we find ways to improve our service for local people.

"Our volunteers and staff become very frustrated when they have to wait for old computers to load information that they need for their clients. We are therefore absolutely thrilled to have received such a generous donation from Battens Solicitors through its Charitable Trust. We know that it will make

a real difference in helping our clients."

Robert Randall who is a Trustee of the Battens Charitable Trust said: "Every donation made by the Battens Charitable Trust aims to help charitable causes improve the lives of people in the local area.

"We are confident that this donation will make a significant impact to the South Somerset Citizens Advice Bureau and the almost 6,000 local people who come to them for help and advice each year."

A303 road improvements takes major step forward

IMPROVEMENTS to the A303/A358/A30 corridor took another major step forward at a meeting with the Department for Transport last month.

At a very positive meeting with Somerset, Devon, Wiltshire and Dorset Councils, Highways Agency, Local Enterprise Partnership, business groups and other interest parties, the Department for Transport shared details of their study of the route and confirmed that they will be presenting a strong business case and recommendations to Ministers by the end of this year.

The meeting also sought to establish whether there are individual sections of the route which could be constructed early-on

in the Government's new roads programme which will start in 2015.

Councillor David Hall, deputy leader of Somerset County Council, said: "Improving the A303 corridor will bring considerable economic benefits to the South West. We and our partners have long campaigned for these improvements and following the work we presented to Ministers last year I am really pleased that the Department for Transport is now taking forward our case."

The Government announced in July last year that it would tackle some of the most notorious and long-standing road hot spots in the country including the A303/A358/A30 corridor.

Children's centres will not close

AFTER confusion and dismay from some quarters over the future of children's centres, Somerset County Council has announced that none will close, under the proposals being prepared for consultation. Following recent comments made in Parliament, the council is reiterating its position on the future of children's centre services in the county, which includes extra staff and services targeted at those who need them most.

The council states that there are no proposals to close any of the children's centres in Somerset. Every community that currently has children's centre activities will continue to have them. They will be provided through the current children's centre buildings and other suitable local venues.

Children's centre services are currently provided in around 180 locations, of which 41 are formally designated children's centres. Original proposals included the designation of 18 Children's Centres

which SCC said had, in some cases, been mistakenly interpreted as closure.

The council is reviewing and restructuring services so they are used by more parents and families, and to ensure support is focused where it is most needed.

A decision has already been made to reduce management, administration and building costs, which currently account for more than half of the entire Children's Centre budget. This restructure includes investment in an estimated 30 extra front-line staff.

No decisions have been made about these individual centres and, as promised by the Cabinet Member in November, none will be made until individual consultations have taken place.

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Clapton and Wayford Gets Ready for the Wild West

Devon based clowning and Physical theatre company Le Navet Bete are bringing their unique cowboy comedy Once Upon A Time In A Western to Clapton and Wayford Village Hall on Friday 7th February in association with Take Art Somerset.

Now it's time for you to forget your preconceptions of the clown, in big shoes and baggy trousers as Le Navet Bete are reinventing the clown for the 20th century. Expect a high energy mix of slapstick, live music, physical theatre and slick improvisation as the company take you on a journey though the Wild West.

The audience is taken on a fast-paced,

interactive adventure in the Wild West town of Kidneystone. Villain Loco Pedro and the Mayor are secretly plotting to rob the town's train of its gold and, after the death of Sheriff Ned, the town needs a new lawman. Rudi, the Saloon's piano player, isn't up to the job but will they find a new hero to bring justice to the town?

The company has been entertaining audiences in theatres on the streets and at festivals since 2006; previous touring shows include Napoleon – A Defence, Extravaganza, The Greatest Story Never Told, Serendipity, Zemblanity, and A Christmas Carol.

The show was created with support from Arts Council England and in collaboration with The Exeter Phoenix. Directed by the international renowned John Nicholson (Peepolykus, Radio 4's Marley was Dead) Once Upon A Time In A Western toured throughout the South West to sell-out crowds in the Autumn 2013 and now begins a second round of national touring starting in Somerset.

Yee haw! Once Upon A Time In A Western will appeal to theatre-lovers of all ages, comedy fans and groups of friends and families looking for a fun evening of entertainment. And there won't be a red

nose in the house.

For more information about clown troupe Le Navet Bete see www.lenavet-bete.com, and to book tickets for their show on Friday 7th February at 7.30pm, phone 01460 74849 or 01460 72807. Tickets are priced at £11 adults, £5 for under 18s, £22 for a family of 2 adults & 2 children; this includes a hot supper during the interval. There is also a licensed bar.

Once Upon A Time In A Western is at Clapton and Wayford Village Hall, Clapton, (near Crewkerne) TA18 8PS

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Saxophonist and composer Josh has a wonderfully soft, lyrical tone, reminiscent of Lester Young. With his Bop Art quartet he won the Daily Telegraph Young Jazz Band of the Year. This quartet features Tim Laphorn (piano), Mick Hutton (bass) and Matt Skellon (drums).

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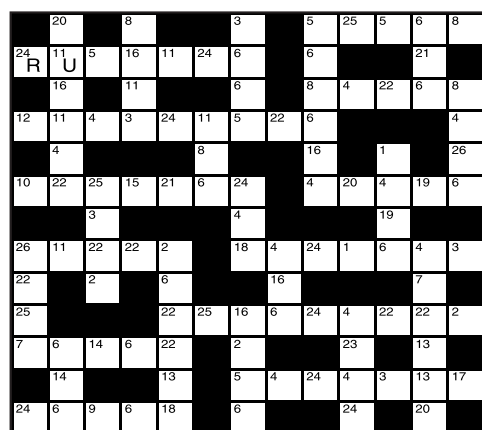
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No.259

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
T	F	E	X	Z	D	H	A	S	U	O	G	L		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26				
N	Y	B	J	K	M	R	P	V	C	I	Q	W		

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

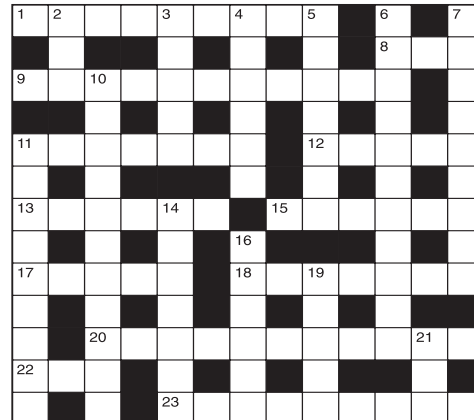
Cryptic Clues:

Across

- Amend list and take down when corrected (9)
- Some very expensive kind of whisky (3)
- Give hand signals? (11)
- Having arrived to stage the show (7)
- An advance, we hear, without friendly support (5)
- Bird noises ruin the speech (6)
- Establish the limits of French judicial punishment (6)
- Mishandles ear-pieces (5)
- Unfriendly crowd before the prophet returns (7)
- Fresh confirmation about secure policy (11)
- Begone! I must be seen inside (3)
- A startling revelation for one who wakes up (3-6)

Down

- Passion shown in their exasperation (3)
- Nearly everything I have is charged with electricity (5)
- Mocks at relative in back-street (6)
- Come from a wild manatee (7)
- You'll find more point in giving fore-warning (11)
- One who gives in easily won't manage to do this (9)
- Did the Greeks regard it as a capital investment? (5,2,4)
- Kind of ice slippers for beasts of burden (4-5)
- Extract from a book in which a fool is taken in by a young attendant (7)
- Unswayed, but almost subject to punishment (6)
- Expose this kind of cartoon (5)
- This hint would be about right to produce a remedy (3)



Quick Clues:

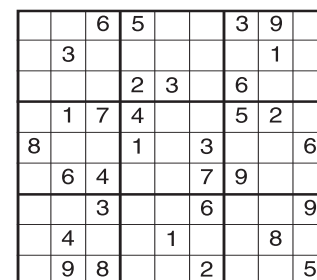
Across

- Loss of power of action (9)
- Possess (3)
- Cast down (11)
- Kitchen sideboard (7)
- Foreign (5)
- Come back (6)
- Ebb (6)
- Rank (5)
- Mean (7)
- Bright (11)
- In error (3)
- Without stopping (9)

Down

- Melody (3)
- Water-lily (5)
- Flight of steps (6)
- Recover (7)
- Thoughtful (11)
- Deceitful (9)
- Contingency (11)
- Guidance (9)
- Favour (7)
- Wan (6)
- Banish (5)
- Nothing (3)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

6	4	9	8	2	3	7	1	5
7	1	2	4	6	5	9	8	3
5	8	3	7	9	1	4	6	2
1	7	5	2	3	8	6	9	4
9	2	4	5	7	6	1	3	8
8	3	6	1	4	9	2	5	7
2	9	8	3	1	4	5	7	6
4	5	1	6	8	7	3	2	9
3	6	7	9	5	2	8	4	1

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Arable; 8 Dotage; 10 Strange; 11 Solid; 12 Gait; 13 Avoid; 17 Cross; 18 Scar; 22 Edict; 23 Fortune; 24 Slaves; 25 Sparta. Down: 1 Passage; 2 Hair-pin; 3 Plane; 4 Corsair; 5 Sally; 6 Wends; 9 Leaves off; 14 Brother; 15 Acquire; 16 Arsenal; 19 Beast; 20 Vicar; 21 Crops. QUICK - Across: 7 Travel; 8 Barter; 10 Mariner; 11 Naive; 12 Note; 13 Inter; 17 Tepid; 18 What; 22 Title; 23 Attempt; 24 Grieve; 25 Recent. Down: 1 Stamina; 2 Narrate; 3 Meant; 4 Painter; 5 Attic; 6 Order; 9 Principal; 14 Deceive; 15 Whimper; 16 Statute; 19 Stage; 20 Strip; 21 Strew.

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What's Happening at Ilminster Arts Centre



by Sara Loveridge

ARTISTS Brian Cocks and Billie Willcocks present a joint exhibition of paintings called **Two of a Kind** until 15th. Inspired mostly by the coastline of Somerset and Dorset, their vibrant work will live up even the darkest days.

Come and support the talented young artists from four local schools who are taking part in **Schools Go Visual III** from 18th-28th. Pupils from Chard, Greenfylde, Swanmead and Wadham schools are excited to be having their work on display and are hoping visitors will leave plenty of feedback in the gallery comments book!

Once again, we are very grateful to Branstion Ltd for their generous support of our **Annual Open 2014**. For several years the company (based in Seavington St. Michael) has sponsored the prize fund which this year totals £750, with Ilminster Arts Centre providing £50 for the Visitor's Choice Award. In addition each winner will be invited to participate in a special exhibition in 2015. Most art forms will be considered except photography, for which there will be a separate prize later in the year. Deadline for entries is 21st March. Entry forms are available from the Arts Centre.

Concerts in the West present **Hanna Hipp** (Mezzo-soprano) and **Emma Abbate** (piano) on 21st, for an evening of Poulenc, Britten, Debussy, Berio and de Falla. Full programme available at: www.concertsinthewest.org.

An established saxophonist and composer leads **The Josh Kemp Quartet** on 28th. Josh has a wonderfully soft, lyrical tone, reminiscent of Lester Young and with his Bop Art quartet won the Daily Telegraph Young Jazz Band of the Year. This quartet features Tim Laphorn (piano), Mick Hutton (bass) and Matt Skelton (drums).

Bring along your treasured items to **Valuation Day** taking place on 20th, and receive a free valuation by experts at **Bearnes, Hampton and Littlewood**. Uncover more tempting treasures at our **Antiques and Vintage Collectables Fair** on 22nd.

Workshops taking place this month include: **Stitch a Rainbow** with k3n (13th), **Create a Thread Bowl** with Sowy Stitch (18th), **Rag Rugs** (19th), **Knit Tog, Crochet Too** (20th), **Felt Making** (21st), **Oil Painting and Drawing for All** (26th), **Sashiko Quilting** (27th), **Lavender** with the Nerdy Herbalist (28th), plus Clay (Mondays), **Watercolour** (Tuesdays and selected Fridays), and **Readers Group** (Fridays once a month).

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Ticket Office open for Cloverleaf panto

AFTER presenting a Western-themed extravaganza in 2013, award-winning Cloverleaf Productions will be staging a more traditional panto this year in Combe St. Nicholas Village Hall from Tuesday February 11th to Saturday, February 15th. 'Sleeping Beauty' by Alan Frayn is a popular choice and the sizeable cast have been rehearsing for many weeks.

Sleeping Beauty herself, Princess Rose, is played by Abbie Cousins who, this year, is wooed by two princes. Both princely parts are played by Kelly Boyland, who takes on the role of principal boy for the first time. As well as the many familiar faces, Clover-

leaf is pleased to introduce some new members to the society, including a couple of mums with their young daughters. In all there are five little girls featuring as the Flower Fairies overseen by Sue Lloyd as Good Fairy Lilac.

In previous years tickets have been available from Combe Post Office, but that has now closed and the integration of the Post Office into The Village Shop has resulted in space being very tight for owners Elsbeth & Brian. This makes the booking numbered seats for six performances difficult so, to make life easier, Cloverleaf has set up special arrangements at The Village Hall in Combe St. Nicholas, where the

Panto Ticket Office will be open every day in the foyer. Opening times are Monday - Saturday 10am to 12 noon and Sunday 3.30pm - 5pm.

Booking forms are also available from The Village Shop and The Green Dragon and, if that's not convenient, ring Nanette Wale on 01460 65190 or email nanette-wale@aol.co.uk to make a booking.

Once again, tickets are attractively priced at just £6 for adults and £4 for children. Performances start at 7.30pm Tuesday 11th - Friday, February 14th, with a 2.30pm matinee and 6.30pm evening show on Saturday, February 15th.

Julian Dawson at Seavington on St Valentine's Day

LOCAL singer-songwriter Julian Dawson will please his many fans with a special performance at the Seavingtons' Millennium Hall on St Valentine's Day. Julian is an extremely versatile performer who has played throughout the south-west, in many European countries and the USA. In March he will embark on an extensive 17 date tour in Germany, including venues in Frankfurt and Bonn. Marion Bennett, who is co-ordinating the evening's entertainment on behalf of the Shop's Management Committee said, "We are so lucky to have talented local people like Julian who are willing to help us raise funds to make our community project even more successful. I'm really looking forward to the evening."

Julian's talents as a singer-songwriter range across many styles including pop, folk, blues and country. His amazing instrumental skills are revealed in his performances on guitar and harmonica. Julian recorded three albums with Iain Matthew's band Plain-song in the 1990s and rejoined them for their farewell album and tour in 2012. His musical career has included working alongside many well-respected musicians, including Gene Parsons (ex-Byrds) Gerry Rafferty, Glen Tilbrook (Squeeze), Richard Thompson, Dennis Locorrie (Dr Hook), Martyn Carthy and

intriguingly also Benny Hill!! September 2013 saw the release of his most recent CD "Life and Soul", his 14th, a retrospective featuring favourite moments and some previously unreleased titles. To give yourself a taste of things to

come visit Julian's website at www.juliandawson.com Julian's performance will start at 8pm but the door and bar will be open from 7pm so that you can treat yourself to a complimentary glass of fizz. Tickets cost £10 (under 16s £5). You

can buy your tickets from the Seavingtons' Community Shop and Cafe in Water Street or from N & D News in South Petherton. Proceeds from Julian's concert will be used for improvements to the Shop and Cafe.



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Diary Dates

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7TH

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. For more details call 01308 862866 or 01935 823506.

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - TAKE ART! - 7.30pm. La Navet Bete Theatre Troupe presents 'Once Upon a Time in a Western' - a highly original story with live music, physical comedy, audience interaction, pistols at dawn, a gang of inflatable Mexican baddies, a host of colourful heroes and a 2D banjo-playing cactus. Entrance, including hot supper: £11 adults, £5 school age, £27 family (2+2). Licensed bar. To avoid disappointment, tickets should be booked in advance on 01460 74849 or 01460 72807.

ILMINSTER: 80s Disco at the Shrubbery Hotel from 8pm-12midnight. Tickets £5 in advance, £8 on the door. Available in advance from Wadham School, Shrubbery, or Oscars Wine Bar (Crewkerne). Live band and free raffle, in aid of Wadham School. 18+ only.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8TH

MISTERTON: Table Top Sale at Misterton WI Hall 11am-2pm. Lots of bargains - household goods, bric-a-brac, crafts, clothing, jewellery etc. Light refreshments (bacon butties, hot soup, tea and cake etc. Free entry. For more details call 01460 74808.

MISTERTON: Wine & Wisdom Quiz in the village hall, 7 for 7.30pm prompt. Teams of 4-6. £6 per head, includes ploughman's supper. Raffle. Advance booking only. For more details call 01460 74368.

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne library day coffee morning and cakes organised by Friends, free treasure hunt for children with small prize, half price DVD hire and a chance to win a Samsung tablet.

MERRIOTT: Craft & coffee morning at the Tythe Barn from 10am-1pm. Lots of local talent selling a variety of things, bread, jam, cakes, jewellery, beauty products, hand bags, toys & knit wear and much more, including charity stalls and good quality secondhand items. Pop in and see for yourself, free entry.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9TH

DONVATT: Big Breakfast at the village hall, 9am-12noon. Come along and enjoy a breakfast cooked to order and perhaps purchase items from the local producers stalls.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 10TH

CHARD: Chard Youth Club meet every Monday evening, for ages 13-18. A chance to socialise, play air hockey, pool, table tennis, and a tuck shop is available.

MISTERTON: Bingo at the village hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. In aid of Breeze Dance Company.

CREWKERNE: Dementia Carers. At the Henhayes Community Centre in Crewkerne we take care of the person you care for every Monday in the Monday Memory Group 10 - 12noon or till 1.30pm if they have lunch so you have some time off. Run by a qualified person with help from volunteers we provide activities in a 'normal' environment. Transport available door to door. For more information contact Jeanette 01460 74340

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 11TH

CHARD: Chard WI Meeting at 7.30pm at the Baptist Church Hall, Holyrood Street. Visitors and new members welcome. 2nd Tuesday of every month (Excluding August).

CREWKERNE: Cash Bingo at George Reynolds Sports Centre. Doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. All welcome.

CREWKERNE: Are you over 70 or do you know anyone over 70? Come to The Henhayes Centre at 10am for either a cup of tea and biscuits and stay until 2.30pm after enjoying a wholesome lunch. All this for £6.50 (including a session charge). Transport can be arranged. Please ring 01460 74340 for more information.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12TH

CHARD: Dance class 10.00-11.30 provided by Mean Feet, this an exercise class to enable you to get fit. At Chard Youth Club.

CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Centre. Cash prizes. Eyes down 2.30pm.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13TH

CREWKERNE: Folk dancing at St. Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday 8pm-10pm. Beginners welcome. For more details call Denise 01460 77320.

CHARD: Chard Royal Naval Association will be holding a social evening at the Chard Conservative Club at 7.30pm. The evening will be in the form of a quiz with a raffle. New members are always made most welcome and persons with interest should contact Mr Roy Lovell (Secretary) on 01460 65362 or Mrs Paula Moon (Chairman) 01460 929041 or indeed visit the official website: royal-naval-association.co.uk.

MARTOCK: Live music from Elite Syncopations at Martock Church, 7.30pm. A six-piece Ragtime Band, they will play toe-tapping music from 1899 to 1923. The band is led on trumpet by Steve Graham from Taunton with Mike Denham from Dorchester on piano and clarinet, trombone, banjo & tuba players coming from Cullompton, Bristol, Newport and Cardiff. The band are all ragtime specialists and also will play at Keswick Jazz Festival this Spring. Tickets £7 on the door or £6 from 01935 822706

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre. Class begins at 10am and costs £3 for non members.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14TH

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. For more details call 01308 862866 or

Ragtime specialists come together for special Martock performance

ELITE Syncopations, a six-piece Ragtime Band will play toe-tapping music from 1899 to 1923, at Martock Church, on Thursday, February 13th, from 7.30pm.

The band is led on trumpet by Steve Graham from Taunton with Mike Denham from Dorchester on piano and clarinet, trombone, banjo and tuba players coming from Cullompton, Bristol, Newport and Cardiff. The band are all ragtime specialists and also will play at Keswick Jazz Festival this Spring.

Tickets £7 on the door or £6 in advance by calling 01935 822706



Mike Denham

Nationally renowned actor Chris Harris brings comedy one man show to the Marine Theatre

A GUARANTEED evening of "mad jests and merry jigs", the Marine Theatre presents actor, writer and renowned pantomime dame, Chris Harris in 'Kemp's Jig', a hilarious and in-



CHRIS Harris in Kemp's Jig

ternationally toured one man show, on Saturday February 8th.

Chris Harris has an impressively broad acting career, previously appearing with the RSC, Bristol Old Vic and his highly acclaimed nine year collaboration with the Theatre Royal (Bristol) and their successful pantomime productions in which he starred as the dame.

Chris's performance in 'Kemp's Jig' is said to be, 'a masterpiece of comic acting' (Allen Sadler, The Guardian) and promises a fun-packed evening for all.

Following successful productions worldwide including the National Theatre, the Swan Theatre (Stratford Upon Avon) and a broadcast for BBC

radio 4, 'Kemp's Jig' tells the story of one man's Morris dance from London to Norwich. Will Kemp, a famous Elizabethan actor and a shareholder with Shakespeare in the Company of the Lord Chamberlain's Men, performed the remarkable feat of dancing from London to Norwich, a distance of 125 miles, in nine days. He later recorded this journey in his book 'Kemps Nine Daies Wonder' on which the show is based and the tale is told.

Chris Harris performs 'Kemp's Jig' at the Marine Theatre this Saturday (February 8th) at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £11 and £9 for concessions, and are available by calling 01297 442138 or online at www.marinetheatre.com

CINEMA LISTINGS

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Daily: 12.30, 16.20, 19.00, 20.10

12 Years A Slave¹⁵

Fri, Mon-Thu: 14.20, 17.20, 20.30

Sat & Sun: 13.30, 17.30, 20.30

That Awkward Moment¹⁵

Fri, Mon-Thu: 13.40, 16.00, 18.20, 20.40

Sat: 16.40, 20.20, Sun: 18.00, 20.40

I, Frankenstein^{12A}

Fri, Mon, Tue: 15.40, 18.00, 20.40

Sun: 20.20, Wed: 12.40, 20.50

Thu: 20.50

Inside Llewyn Davis¹⁵

Fri, Mon, Tue: 13.10

Monsters University^U

Sat & Sun: 10.20am

The Smurfs 2^U

Sat & Sun: 10.10am

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Sat & Sun: 10.00am

Lone Survivor¹⁵

Fri, Mon, Wed, Thu: 12.20, 15.20, 18.10, 21.00

Sat & Sun: 19.30

Tue: 12.20, 15.20, 21.00

Mr Peabody and Sherman^{18C}

Daily: 13.50, 16.10, 17.30, 18.30

plus Sat & Sun: 10.30, 11.25, 12.50

Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit^{12A}

Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.30, 15.00, 19.50

Sat & Sun: 21.20

The Leg Movie^U

Sat & Sun: 10.15, 11.15, 12.00, 12.40, 13.45, 14.30, 15.20, 16.15, 17.00, 17.45, 18.45, 20.45

Dallas Buyers Club¹⁵

Daily: 14.10, 17.10, 20.00

plus Sat & Sun: 11.35am

Robocop^{12A}

Daily: 12.40, 15.30, 18.25, 21.10

Frozen^U

Daily: 16.30, plus Sat & Sun: 12.10

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Fri, Mon, Tue: 17.15, 20.30

Sun, Wed, Thu: 20.30

Free Birds^U

Sat & Sun: 11.00am

Frozen 2D^U

Daily: 13.30

I, Frankenstein 3D^{12A}

Fri, Mon-Thu: 14.45

Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit^{12A}

Fri, Tue-Thu: 18.30, 21.00

Sun: 18.30, Mon: 21.00

Lone Survivor 2D¹⁵

Fri, Mon-Thu: 15.15, 21.10

Sat & Sun: 21.10

Mr Peabody and Sherman 2D^U

Daily: 15.00, 17.30

plus Sat & Sun: 10.20, 12.40

Mr Peabody and Sherman 3D^U

Daily: 14.00, 16.30, 19.00

Sat & Sun: 11.30am

Robocop^{12A}

Daily: 15.45, 18.30, 20.15, 21.15

plus Sat & Sun: 12.50

The Awkward Moment¹⁵

Fri, Mon-Thu: 13.15, 15.45, 18.15, 20.45

Sat & Sun: 20.45

The Lego Movie 2D^U

Sat & Sun: 10.30, 13.00, 15.30, 18.00

The Lego Movie 3D^U

Sat & Sun: 11.15, 12.00, 13.45, 14.30, 17.00, 19.30, plus Sun: 16.15

Wolf of Wall Street¹⁸

Daily: 16.15, 20.00

This week's new cinema releases

DALLAS BUYERS CLUB¹⁵

IN 1985 Dallas, electrician and hustler Ron Woodroof works around the system to help AIDS patients get the medication they need after he is himself diagnosed with the disease.

Stars Matthew McConaughey, Jennifer Garner and Jared Leto.



Dallas Buyers Club

ROBOCOP^{12A}

IN 2028 Detroit, when Alex Murphy (Joel Kinnaman) - a loving husband, father and good cop - is critically injured in the line of duty, the multinational conglomerate OmniCorp sees their chance for a part-man, part-robot police officer.

Stars Joel Kinnaman, Douglas Urbanski and Abbie Cornish



Robocop

MR PEABODY & SHERMAN^{PG}

USING his most ingenious invention, the WABAC machine, Mr. Peabody and his adopted boy Sherman hurtle back in time to experience world-changing events first-hand and interact with some of the greatest characters of all time. They find themselves in a race to repair history and save the future.

Voices from Ty Burrell, Max Charles and Stephen Colbert.

Diary Dates

01935 823506.

SEAVINGTON: Concert for St Valentine's Day by Julian Dawson at the Millennium Hall, Water Street. Bar from 7pm, concert starts 8pm. Tickets £10 (under 16s £5) includes complimentary fizz! Tickets available from N&D News, South Petherton and Seavington Community Shop and Cafe (01460 249730).

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - lunch club, mid-day for 12.30pm start. All welcome, but please book in advance by phoning 01460 77057.

MISTERTON: Family valentines disco at misterton village hall from 5.30pm until 7.30pm. Pop into mister-ton pre school or call Sam on 07894 906322 for tickets, £5 per family (2adults, 2children, additional child £1).

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15TH

HINTON ST GEORGE: 'Flix in the Stix' presents 'Captain Phillips' (12A) on Saturday, February 15th in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5 in advance from the Village Shop and Dorothy's Tea Room, or, £5.50p on the door. To reserve Tickets please contact 01460 72906.

DONVATT: Massive Book Sale and Coffee Morning at St Mary's Church, from 10am-1pm. All books 20p each.

CHARD: CBF Networking Group Presents an evening featuring the psychic mind of Paul Stockman. At Bar-leymow's Restaurant, Snowdown Hill, Chard. 7pm for 7.30pm start, till late. Tickets £25 each (includes 2 course dinner). For tickets call 07932 476838.

SEAVINGTON: Country Music Dance in aid of Children's Hospice South West. Doors open 7pm, no bar b.y.o. and nibbles. Free tea and coffee. West Country Band, no line dancind. For more details call 01935 881510.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 17TH

CHARD: Chard Youth Club meet every Monday evening, for ages 13-18. A chance to socialise, play air hockey, pool, table tennis, and a tuck shop is available.

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Awareness February Meeting. Guest Speaker: Jane Butterworth Topic: Spiritual Geology. At the Meeting Room, Unitarian Chapel. 7pm-9.30pm. Admission £2.50 (Includes Light Refreshments). Everyone Welcome. Further details telephone Anastasia 01460 78673.

MERRIOTT: Prize Bingo at Merriott Social Club, eyes down 7.30pm.

CREWKERNE: Dementia Carers. At the Henhayes Community Centre in Crewkerne we take care of the person you care for every Monday in the Monday Memory Group 10 - 12noon or till 1.30pm if they have lunch so you have some time off. Run by a qualified person with help from volunteers we provide activities in a 'normal' environment. Transport available door to door. For more information contact Jeanette 01460 74340

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 19TH

CHARD: Dance class 10.00-11.30 provided by Mean Feet, this an exercise class to enable you to get fit. At Chard Youth Club.

SOUTH PERROTT: Family Bingo in the village hall. Doors open 6pm, eyes down 6.30pm. Refreshments available. For more details call 01395 891234 or 01935 891224. In aid of Church Funds.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20TH

CREWKERNE: Folk dancing at St. Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday 8pm-10pm. Beginners welcome. For more details call Denise 01460 77320.

CHARD: Chard Camera Club will be holding a club competition evening of digitally projected images (DPIs) and prints of the special subject 'Frozen in time', along with DPIs and prints in the open classification at 7.30pm at the Baptist Church Hall, Holyrood Street. Judge for the evening will be Mr Eddie Harris.

Any person wishing to join the club will be made most welcome and interested persons should contact Mr Peter Partridge (Competition Secretary) 01460 66885 or visit the website: chardcameraclub.org.uk.

SEAVINGTON ST MARY: South Somerset Local RSPB Group. Illustrated talk by Oliver Smart (famous wildlife photographer) on 'Exploring Ethiopia'. At the Millennium Hall. Entry, includes tea and biscuits, £2.50 for group members £3.50 for non-group members and under 18 free. Everyone welcome.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21ST

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. For more details call 01308 862866 or 01935 823506.

TATWORTH: Film: 'Le Weekend' (cert 12A) shown by T&F Movies at Tatworth Memorial Hall. Doors open 7.15pm, film 8pm. For more details call 01460 220198.

CHARD: Skittles Night at the Happy Return from 7pm. All welcome.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22ND

CHARD: ZEM CC Annual Prize Bingo at Crowshute House. Eyes down 7.15pm. For more details call 01460 62842.

WHITELACKINGTON: Bric-a-brac / Table Top sale at Whitelackington Village Hall. 10am-1pm. Tables £5, to book call 01460 259565. Ample parking, refreshments available.

CHARDSTOCK: Tai chi beginners workshop, suitable for all. 10am to 4pm Chardstock community centre, Chardstock. Contact Allan or Margaret on 01297 32095 for more information. www.abctaichi.co.uk

CREWKERNE: English breakfast/brunch at Henhayes Centre from 10am to 12 noon. £4.00 basic breakfast. Extra options from 50p. 100 Club draw at 11am.

Sparkling mezzo-soprano Hanna Hipp and talented Emma Abbate on piano for Concerts in the West

THE 2014 Concerts in the West season kicks off in fine style with a superb concert by the sparkling Polish mezzo-soprano Hanna Hipp, and the supremely accomplished Neapolitan pianist Emma Abbate, at 8pm at Ilminster Arts Centre on Friday 21 February 2014.

Catherine Hodgson, director of Concerts in the West said: "Without any doubt, Hanna Hipp is a star for the future. There are a large number of good mezzo-sopranos currently performing, but Hanna brings something special to the stage. Her voice is quite exceptional and

her acting is beautifully judged. She will be accompanied by Emma Abbate who is one of the finest chamber musicians of her generation and an amazing pianist. Concerts in the West is thrilled to have popular musicians of this quality performing in the West Country and I personally can't wait to see them in action."

Hipp, who has been described by Opera Britannia's Miranda Jackson as "one of those performers who lights up the stage" with "a voice that is pure and yet well rounded", is a graduate of the Jette Parker Young Artists Programme at the Royal Opera House in 2013. For the 2013-14 season she will be making her debut with the Turku Music Festival in Finland, where she will be performing the role of Cherubino in Le Nozze di Figaro and as Maman/Libellule/La Tasse Chinoise in Teatro dell'Opera di Roma's L'enfant et les sortilèges by Ravel.

Other performances include Suzuki in Scottish Opera's Madame Butterfly, the Glyndebourne Festival as Flora in La Traviata, the title part in Handel's Solomon with the Oxford Bach Choir and London Mozart Players, recitals at Opera de Lille and in London and she will be returning to the Royal Opera House Covent Garden.

Her past career highlights in-

clude performances at Covent Garden such as Emilia in Verdi's Otello, singing Anna in the BBC Proms presentation of Les Troyens at the Royal Albert Hall and she has sung in concerts at the Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival, as well as the London Handel Festival.

The leading Italian magazine Musica has described Emma Abbate as "an amazingly talented pianist", but her abilities are not just limited to her instrument, Emma is also a top vocal coach, an award-winning accompanist and a professor at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama.

Her glittering career began when she graduated at the age of just 19 from the S. Pietro a Majella Conservatoire in Naples, followed by an Advanced Diploma from the S. Cecilia Conservatoire in Rome. She was awarded the Post-graduate Diploma in Accompaniment with Distinction as a scholar at the Royal Academy of Music and her list of prizes include winning the Anglo-Czechoslovak Trust Award, the International Ibla Grand Prize as Distinguished Musician, the Grover Bennett Prize and the AMA Calabria Award.

Based in London Emma has performed in duo recitals for international festivals and concert societies in Salzburg, Lisbon, Naples, Ischia, Kosciierzyna, Sorrento, the Wigmore Hall London, St George's Bristol and the Aldeburgh Festival. She has released two CD recordings, the second of which was with Toccata Classics. This was highly praised by music critics and rated

by Classical Lost and Found as among the "Best Finds of 2012".

The programme for the evening concerts at Ilminster Arts Centre is: Francis Poulenc (1899-1963) Eight Polish Songs; Luciano Berio (1925-2003) Four Popular Songs; Benjamin Britten (1913-1976) A Charm of Lullabies Op.41; Manuel de Falla (1876-1946) Seven Spanish Folk Songs; Mieczyslaw Karłowicz (1876-1909) Nine Songs; Claude Debussy (1862-1918) La soirée dans Grenade from Estampes.

Performance and Box Office Details for Hanna Hipp (mezzo-soprano) and Emma Abbate (piano)

Hanna Hipp and Emma Abbate will perform at Ilminster Arts Centre at The Meeting House, East Street, Ilminster, on Friday, February 21st, at 8pm.

Tickets cost £14, and are available from the box office on 01460 55783, from 9.30am-4.30pm Monday to Friday (Pre-concert supper at 7pm - advanced booking is required, costing £11).

For more details visit the website at www.themeetinghouse.org.uk.

Ticket discounts are available for young people: Concerts in the West would like to encourage more children and stu-

dents to attend concerts and offer the following discounts:

Children/Students age 12 years and over: half price;

Children under 12 years of age: FREE entry with a family member;

School Groups (and more than two children with adults): to be negotiated separately.

Bring a friend for free: Concerts in the West ticket holders may bring for FREE one friend who has never attended a Concerts in the West performance before.



Emma Abbate



Hanna Hipp

The small hall with the BIG reputation David Hall

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MUSICALLY, 2014 got off to a fantastic start at The David Hall when a packed house enjoyed the first-ever appearance in Petherton of The Bully Wee Band. Formed in the early 1970's and, after a long break, reformed in 2003, The Bully Wee Band is one of Scotland's favourite Folk/Rock groups and still has the original line-up!

The band was joined by the ever-popular Phil Beer who opened the evening with a 30-minute set that included songs of many different styles. These demonstrated Phil's virtuosity, both on fiddle and guitar, as well as his very distinctive voice. After two excellent sets The Bully Wee Band were joined by Phil for an extended encore that thrilled everyone. A great gig – to be repeated in 2015!

On Thursday, January 23rd we were delighted to welcome, for the second time, two of British Blues' top artists – namely, Paul Jones (Manfred Mann and Blues Band) and Dave Kelly (Blues Band). They are a hugely popular duo and their gig was sold out weeks in advance.

This was a night which showcased the very best of British Country Blues. Their performance charmed everyone with the sheer quality of Dave's guitar playing, Paul's harmonica and both of their voices – all of which produce music that has "true Blues" running through every single track. We were taken on a journey of music that incorporated every mood, from the slow and thoughtful to many toe-tapping numbers. A truly fantastic night. They will be back!

The month came to an end on Sunday 26th when, with the help of Take Art, we had a Chance to Dance event featuring the totally unpredictable Cosmic Sausages. They performed world music in a typically bizarre manner. Great musicianship with fantastic

harmonies ensured that everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed this gig. The Cosmic Sausages are based in Somerset so if you can catch them performing elsewhere make sure you attend as you will feel all the better for it!

On Saturday, February 8th, A Blast from the Past will present A Brief History of Music – taking in 600 years of music in 90 minutes! This fast-moving show gives the audience a whistle-stop tour of Western musical history and incorporates a bewildering array of instruments, including the hurdy-gurdy, rauschpfeife and vihuela. All in all, a great musical journey!



Bella Hardy and Ross Wilson

On Sunday 9th The David Hall will welcome Bella Hardy and Ross Wilson. Bella has performed with us many times but Ross Wilson is with us for the first time. This is a very exciting pairing that will include a mixture of traditional material and songs penned by two artists who hail from very diverse backgrounds. Their performance promises a night of great music, brilliantly played. Not to be missed!

Ever-popular "local boy" Reg Meuross will be with

us again on Saturday 15th. Reg has a brilliant voice and has written some influential songs which take the form of short stories and often have a very hard-hitting message. Reg is joined by Wiltshire-based singer/songwriter, Jess Vincent. This gig will be very popular so do book early.

Ewan McLennan performs on Friday 21st. He is without doubt one of the most talented up-and-coming Folk artistes. Recently, Ewan featured on BBC 4's Transatlantic Sessions. He covers the fullest and broadest range of Folk music from powerful ballads to lively dance tunes and melancholic airs. Please come and support this young and talented artist!



Ewan McLennan

A treat for families is scheduled for Sunday 22nd



Reg Meuross

February when Cube Theatre will stage Freddy Dare & the Ginger Robber, which we are able to present thanks to Take Art. With influences from TV show Strictly Come Dancing, The Artist and Scott Pilgrim films, Cube Theatre takes its audience on an epic adventure using striking visual effects, great original music, stylish performances and a dazzling script. Families with children aged 8 and over will be welcomed!

February comes to an end with our support to The Octagon Theatre, Yeovil, on Thursday 27th when the legendary Folk/Rock group, Oysterband, will perform. Since 1978, Oysterband have toured in 35 countries and won five BBC Folk Awards. Quite a record! To book this event, call 01935 422 884 or visit The Octagon website.

I hope you will come and enjoy some of our music, and other forms of entertainment

All the best,
Pete Wheeler
of Petherton Arts Trust



◆ Other events at The David Hall in February include Petherton Picture Show's screenings of *The Eye of the Storm* on February 7th and *Summer in February* on the 14th - plus, The David Hall's always-popular *Coffee Morning* on Wednesday 26th from 10am and *Performance Night* on Friday 28th at 7.30pm.

For further details please check the website, www.thedavidhall.org.uk, or call 01460 240 340.

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Holly Terrace, Chard



Good sized 2 bedroom character home in the heart of the town! Hallway, living room, separate dining room with french doors to the garden, kitchen, two double bedrooms & upstairs bathroom. Gas CH'g & PVC dbl glzg. Courtyard garden.

£100,000

February Housing Markets Hots Up!

Never mind cold dank and wet - that is only the weather outside. The property market for 2014 is hotting up. Buyer demand is high - and this shows in the sales of the agents in the town as a percentage of stock for sale. At just over 32% this is higher than would be expected for February. Traditionally the beginning of the year is a time when fresh stock begins to come onto the market with sales coming in the months that follow. Higher demand has meant more of those properties selling immediately.

Stock levels are still low - at the end of January there were just under 300 properties for sale in Chard on rightmove.co.uk. This would normally be over 500. For buyers this means a shortage of stock to choose from. A shortage of stock and high demand is where buyers risk seeing prices go up - and some are making sure they don't take that risk by making the buying decision now.

Pricing your home to sell in this market is particularly tricky. The natural instinct of a seller is to price high.

Over egging this particular pudding can work against you. Homes which are clearly overpriced do not sell - even in a good market. Unfortunately some agents are short of stock and are adding value to gain the instruction. The old term flattering to deceive has truth here - and it is not the buying pool being deceived but the selling. Buyers do not suddenly change their price expectation of a road or house type just because the asking price is hiked. There are now sophisticated valuation and comparison tools on rightmove and zoopla which are free and easy to use. This is not a catch all solution though - all houses are individual and deserve an individual professional appraisal.

That does not mean you cannot be optimistic with pricing. The knack is to add enough to get you a sensible premium, still attract that all important buyer, and avoid any down valuation from the mortgage lender.

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A further three engine variants - the C 200 BlueTEC, C 250 BlueTEC and C 300 BlueTEC HYBRID will follow during the course of the year.

Three model lines will make up the new C-Class range - SE, Sport and the AMG Line. Among the equipment highlights, the Sport model adds 17-inch alloy wheels (up from 16-inch on the SE), LED headlights,

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The new C-Class is set to be among the best-equipped cars in its class. Standard equipment fitted to every new C-Class will include an advanced and intuitive touchpad to control the entertainment functions via the centrally-mounted seven-inch colour display. Enhancing comfort, Artico upholstery will be fitted as standard along with two-zone air conditioning and a media interface located in the central storage between the front seats.

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New 'Green' Fuel could cost motorists £Billions, says What Car?

THE INTRODUCTION of a 'greener' petrol to meet EU regulations could cost UK drivers billions of pounds a year and increase harmful CO2 tailpipe emissions.

The move to introduce E10 fuel, which is expected to happen this year, has been branded as "irresponsible" by consumer car-buying champion, What Car? after it undertook the first ever real-world tests on the new blend of petrol. Until now, the fuel had only been tested in laboratory conditions and the potential impact on fuel economy had not been communicated to motorists.

The E10 fuel contains 10% bio-ethanol and is being rolled out across the UK as part of the Government's commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and conforming to the EU's Renewable Energy Directive. This requires 10% of road transport energy to be from renewable sources by 2020.

However, What Car?'s True MPG testers discovered that E10 is less efficient than the current E5 (up to 5% bio-ethanol) blend of fuel across every engine type tested. This means cars have to use more of the new fuel, costing drivers much more each year.

The full report and figures are published in What Car? magazine, on sale today. Editor-in-chief Chas Hallett is calling for the Government to carry out comprehensive, UK-focused testing in order to better understand the financial impact of the new petrol.

"The US Environmental Protection Agency estimates that the detrimental effect of E10 on fuel economy is between three and four percent, but even our small sample of tests proves otherwise," he said.

"To lead consumers into E10 without fully communicating the significant impact on fuel economy, particularly for drivers least able to absorb the extra costs, is irresponsible."

What Car? tested E10 against E0 'pure' petrol so we could directly compare our results with the US EPA's. The cars used were a three-cylinder turbo (Dacia Sandero), a naturally aspirated car (Hyundai i30), a hybrid (Toyota Prius+) and a four-cylinder turbo (Mini Paceman).

The Sandero struggled the most, returning an 11.5% drop in economy. The 99bhp i30 was almost as bad, managing 9.8% less miles on E10.

It's not just economy that is harmed by the use of E10 - CO2 tailpipe emissions also increased in every vehicle tested by What Car?, although the Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership asserts that these increases would be partially offset by the renewable properties of bio-ethanol and the fact that the crops used to produce it absorb CO2 while growing.

Overall, the What Car? tests suggest that more powerful cars cope better with a higher ethanol content, leaving smaller cars - often bought by drivers on a tighter budget - worst affected.

Furthermore, not every car on the roads will even be able to use E10 - the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) says that 92% of UK cars are compatible, but that leaves approximately 1.5 million petrol vehicles potentially at risk. These are more likely to be older vehicles, again of the sort owned by those on tighter budgets.

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angling ilminster AA

Nice fish in good pond!

ROYAL OAK LEAGUE 8
FOR the fifth match on the trot, Ilminster AA members headed to Dillington pond due to the river being unfishable.

The six members all caught fish and some decent weights were recorded with Jamie Rich winning his third match on the trot, this time with 84 fish for 12lb 10oz from peg 18 including some quality roach and rudd on caster.

Bruce Hunt was second with a nice net of roach and rudd weighing 9lb 7oz from peg 19 using the long whip.

Justin Charles was third with 8lb 11oz of roach and rudd from peg 17.

Result: 1 – Jamie Rich (Against Men and Fish/Burt Baits) – 12lb 10oz, 2 – Bruce Hunt (Tiverton) – 9lb 7oz, 3 – Justin Charles (Ilminster) – 8lb 11oz

After eight matches, and dropping the worst result, Jamie leads with nine points followed by Robin Cox on 11 and Bruce on 13.

The next match is the annual open on Sunday (February 9th) – the draw is at the Royal Oak between 8.30 and 9am.

tennis yeovil & district league

Division One	Pld	Pts
Martock A.....	7	56
Ilminster.....	8	53
Sherborne.....	7	41
Chard A.....	7	35
Melcombe Regis.....	7	30
Misterton A.....	7	28
Yeovil A.....	6	22
South Petherton.....	7	15

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Martock B.....	5	42
Wincanton A.....	7	39
Weymouth A.....	7	39
Somerton A.....	6	36
Sherborne B.....	5	24
Somerton B.....	7	18
Beaminster A.....	5	12

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Martock C.....	6	47
Martock D.....	9	47
Bridport A.....	6	40
Yeovil B.....	6	37
Misterton B.....	7	28
Yeovil C.....	9	25
Chard B.....	5	16

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Wincanton B.....	7	51
Weymouth B.....	5	38
Bridport B.....	5	30
Sherborne C.....	5	28
Shaftesbury.....	4	22
Somerton C.....	6	12
Beaminster B.....	6	9

jack high bowls news

Ilminster progress in Nationals

ILMINSTER with Des Maull
LAST Saturday Ilminster men played against Minehead BC in the National Double Rink competition. After a very competitive game Ilminster won by nine shots and now play Clarrie Dunbar in the next round.

Details: Home, Will Anderson, Ian Lightfoot, Neil Rowe and John Ridout 17 R Thompson 16; Away, Gerry Morris, Kevin Hamilton, Jason Miles and Peter Mattravers 21 J Lennon 13.

The following day Seaton BC were the visitors in a three-rink friendly. After an enjoyable afternoon's bowling Ilminster won on all rinks and by 87-36 overall.

Details: Myra Childs, Norma Pugh, Mike King and Dot Whelan 32, T Thompson 10; Doreen Dolby, Heather Sims, David Pugh and Brian Welch 31, Sue Rutter 14; Val Dargue, Cliff Whelan, Sylvia Read and Barry Sims 24, Pat Whitworth 12.

This week's indoor leagues have produced some very surprising results. In the St Austell Brewery Premier on Monday The Trialists

(Malcolm Norton) beat Ilminster D (John Ridout) by 20 shots to 10.

This was the first win in 15 games for Malcolm's team.

In the Thursday Pairs the league leaders were beaten by 18 shots to 15 by South Petherton (Rex Corbet) and in the Milford & Dormor Friday Triples the top of the table, and last years winners, Ilminster (Bev Brister) were beaten by Ilminster B Dave Hingley, this being their fifth win in a row.

SEVERALLS with Pru Robbins
LAST Saturday, Severalls visited Axminster Indoor Bowls Club for a three-rink match and after a keenly fought friendly game lost by only five shots overall 53-58.

Rink Scores: P.Loaring, A.Brolly, D.Wallis and R.Devney 17, M.Crompton 21, N.Austin, C.Rawe, N.Patel and M.Rawe 15 B.Clark 23, D.Brolly, B.Turner, H.Leamon and K.Leamon 21 K.Quick 14.

MERRIOTT SMBC with Anne Weeks
Last week Merriott welcomed 11 members from South Petherton SMBC for a lively friendly match

which resulted in a 41-35 home win. On Friday, nine Merriott players popped across Ham Hill to visit Odcombe for what turned out a very frustrating encounter for the visitors who lost rather heavily.

In the Milford & Dormor Mixed Triples League Merriott Canaries continued to push their opponents, the Hurricanes, very hard and indeed for most of the match the Canaries contained them to just one point.

The Hurricanes then managed four shots on one end and continued to gradually haul their way back forcing a final end shoot out which went against the Canaries with a score of 12-10.

CHARD with Sandra Sumpter
THERE were some surprises in the Milford & Dormor Mixed Triples League with three teams suffering defeat s after all taking the lead.

Third in the table Greyhounds played second in the table Royals.

Royals went ahead but after seven ends it was all square at 5-5. Then the Greyhounds cantered ahead but after 12 ends it was

again level at 8-8.

Finally, Greyhounds took four shots on the penultimate end and Royals could only manage one on the last end. Greyhounds took the game 12-9.

Leaders Harlequins took on Magpies who are starting to work their way up the table.

After seven ends Harlequins were leading 7-5 but Magpies then had a couple of good ends which left Harlequins playing catch-up and failing as they went down 15-12.

Canaries against Hurricanes was a tale of two halves. Canaries 'flew' into a 9-1 lead after eight ends, but could only manage to win one more end, finally losing 10-12.

Last week's top three teams are still leading the table with their places unchanged, but Greyhounds are closing and Magpies are hot on their heels.

M & D table	Pld	Pts
Harlequins.....	15	20
Royals.....	14	18
Greyhounds.....	14	17
Magpies.....	13	11
Canaries.....	15	10
Hurricanes.....	13	8

Top panel at Wincanton's Cheltenham festival preview lunch

The build up to the 2014 Cheltenham Festival begins in earnest at Wincanton Racecourse on Saturday, February 15th when racing's elite hurdlers line-up in the Bathwick Tyres Kingwell Hurdle – the final preparation ahead of the iconic Champion Hurdle.

After which, on Thursday, March 6th an all star line up of racing aficionados will preview Cheltenham Festival contenders in the Kingwell Restaurant ahead of afternoon racing.

On the panel are the West Country's top trainer Paul

Nicholls with Wincanton ambassador Joe Tizzard – stable jockey to Colin Tizzard. A trio of dedicated racing presenters – Alice Plunkett, Richard Hoiles and Luke Harvey – will provide their thoughts on the Festival runners.

Tickets to the preview

luncheon cost £49.50 for premier admission, a three-course set menu, racecard, table for the day and the most informative Festival preview in Somerset.

Wincanton's Cheltenham Festival Preview Luncheon will start at 11:30am, ahead

of racing that boasts a seven-race card.

Tickets must be pre-booked in advance by visiting wincantonracecourse.co.uk or calling the ticket office on 0844 579 3014. Afternoon racing starts at 2:30pm.

Glovers In Focus

BY STUART BROOM



Upson departure not such a big surprise

THE departure on Ed Upson on transfer deadline day was maybe not such a big surprise as many think.

When he joined the club he was energetic and always looked to have a spectacular goal in him, and his corker against Brentford last February must rate as one of the best seen at Huish Park.

I got the feeling that Gary Johnson had a soft spot for him and that he persevered with him even when he was not playing at the top of his game.

I thought he started to lose his influence towards the end of last season and that he has struggled this term, and should have been dropped long before Johnson lost his patience with him just before Christmas.

This seems to be Johnson's verdict as well having sold him, stating that he felt the former Ipswich Town player did not have what it takes to succeed in the Championship.

It's ironic that he has joined Millwall as they were the Glovers' first Championship opponents at The Den back in August when Upson scored the winner.

There's is bound to be some banter in the air on Saturday regarding the decision, as a near neighbour of mine who sits a couple of seats down is an Upson fan and used to rib me when, after I had castigated him he would suddenly produce one of his trade-

three home games that could well go some way to defining our season...

mark shots.

History has a way of popping up and biting you on the bum, and it would be ironic if he did the same against us when we meet in the reverse fixture next Tuesday.

Before that we take on Leeds United on Saturday in the first of three home games that could go somewhere to defining our season.

Leeds of course are one of the 'big boys'

and have been on a good run recently – despite the obvious takeover wrangle hanging over the club, and on paper should beat us.

But if Yeovil show that same determination they have at most home games this season, we could pull it out the bag.

Nothing but victory over Millwall can be contemplated if we are to get back into the mix, and with Watford to follow the following Tuesday, let's hope for at least seven, if not nine points.

● **YEOVIL TOWN FC** wishes to inform fans that tickets for the match against Leeds United will not be available for sale on match day – ALL tickets must be purchased BEFORE Saturday.

Due to Police restrictions tickets are also not available for purchase online. For tickets and info call 01935 847888.

● **MOVEMENT** of the protective pitch covers at Huish Park on Wednesday prompted the club to put out a request on it's twitter feed (@ytfcofficial) for help from supporters.

ON THE SPOT Weekender Sport

puts the questions to
RECENTLY RETIRED REFEREE

BOB HALL



Q How old are you? How long have you been involved in local football?

A I'm 77-years-old, I refereed in the Perry Street & District League for 40 years and have just 'hung up my whistle'. Attitudes to referees changed abruptly during my time, but never did I suffer any confrontations of a serious nature – Funny ones? Yes, plenty! too many for this column!

Q You played at bit too – who for?

A Weymouth Youth Centre 1951-54, My R.A.F. Station 1954-56, Dorchester Town 1957-1960. I then moved to Bournemouth, so I played in the Senior League until I moved back to Dorset in 1960 when I played for Netherbury FC for six seasons. I then returned to Bournemouth for two years. Finally I returned to west Dorset and in next two years I played for Netherbury and Charmouth until 1973. After 62 years connected with football, I still hope to continue as a Referee's Assessor.

Q Name the best three players you played alongside.

A Overall it would be **Ralph Banks** at Dorchester Town – he was an ex-Bolton Wanderers (104 games – 1940-54) defender. **Ray Walbridge** also Dorchester Town and, during my National Service, Welsh international full-back **Trevor Edwards** (2 caps – part of the 1958 WC squad, ex-Charlton Athletic and Cardiff City).

Q Name the best players you saw in the PSDL.

A Hung Dang, Barry Bisgrove, Phil Hartley of (all Merriott Rovers), Andy 'Dinger' Bell (Haselbury), Mark Parris (Thorncombe, Combe), Kenny Hodges (Drimpton), Stuart Rattenbury, Alistair McLennan (Lyme Regis). I could go on and on as my memories flow! If I was given the opportunity to select the best PSDL squad it would be very difficult, and controversial – but here goes;

GK – Grant Northover.
Full Backs – Barry Bush, Rodney Rowe, Barry Williams.
Centre Backs – Brian MacAuley, Kenny Hodges.
Midfielders – Phil Hartley, Paul Charles, Karl Diment, Ian Manley.
Strikers – Barry Bisgrove, Andy Bell, Mark Parris, Hung Dang and, for a couple of good old fashioned centre forwards, Richard Austin and Ellis Hoole!

Q What are your favourite grounds?

A Dorchester Town, The Davey Fort, Lyme Regis and Beaminster's Memorial Ground.

Q What is your most treasured football trophy?

A One from the Dorset County FA stating 'Outstanding services as a Referee' from 1973-2013/14. Plus one I have donated to the PSDL for Fair Play throughout each season.

Q Do any incidents stick in your memory

A My perfect swallow dive in thick and gooey mud at Symondsburry during a White Horse match – as my boots stayed firmly planted in it! The players were hysterical, and eager to collect my watch and whistle! Also, at the Davey Fort, an away player misinterpreting my red notebook for a red card and walking off before I could explain!

Q What was the first professional game you watched live?

A Portsmouth 2 (Marcel Gaillard, Doug Reid) Newcastle United 4 (Jackie Milburn 3, George Robledo) at Fratton Park in an FA Quarter-Final in 1952.

Next: Paul Jefferson

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skittles news

CREWKERNE LEAGUE

NOMINATION CUP - ROUND ONE

Super Sexy Six beat Raptors
Coachmen bt Lost Boys
Con Club Legds bt King Willy Dogs
Headhunters bt Muddled Men
BRIAN HALL MEMORIAL - ROUND ONE
Skimmers bt Brewers Bees
Nomads bt Fuddlers
Rollers bt Club Fixers
Perrott Monkeys bt Concorde
AMBULANCE CUP - ROUND ONE
Loud & Proud bt Kings Men
Chis Colts bt Ugly Ducklings
Acorns bt Beer Laeg Boys
Knappers bt Sandbaggers

ILMINSTER & DISTRICT

DIVISION ONE

Ashill Boys 317-0 (B.Smart 45)
Rocky's Rollers 360-12
(R.Findlay 52), Bell A 333-1
(C.Williams 51) Crown Royals
343-11 (J.Miles 51), Cricketers
373-9 (A.Clydesdale 53) No-
mad's 365-3 (A.Peckham 53),
Royal Oak Faces 332-9
(D.Whaites 51) Flying Turkeys
302-3 (S.Spurway 44).

Division One	Pld	Pts
Rocky's Rollers	9	66
Ashill Boys	9	60
Cricketers	9	58
Crown Crusaders	8	36
Flying Turkeys	9	53
Bell A	9	52
Royal Oak Faces	9	51
Crown Royals	9	47
Nomads	9	37

DIVISION TWO

King's Head 311-10 (Mike
Tilley 51) Ashill Inn 306-2
(N.Dopson 46), Bell Broadway
351-2 (J.Appleton 52) Wynd-
ham Warriors 361-10
(K.Kneeshaw 52), Hatch Bea-
gles 376-11 (P.Marks 57) Ilton
Choppers 307-1 (M.Shelly
55).

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Flying Turkeys Allstars	8	79
Hatch Beagles	9	65
Wyndham Warriors	9	63
King's Head	9	62
Ashill Inn	9	62
Bell Broadway	9	51
Ilton Choppers	9	36
Wyndham Clangers	7	31
Hatch Eggs	7	9

darts news

CHARD LEAGUE

Premier	Pld	Pts
800's	12	202
High 4 & a Half	11	181
Clubbers	12	162
Rejects Return	10	156
New Order	10	144
Pig Jockeys	11	127
Hobnobs	11	126
Downs	11	113
Phoenix Poppes	11	112
Hopefuls	11	104

Most 180s: Leighton Cox (High 4 & a Half) 6. **Team:** Rejects Return 13.

Division One	Pld	Pts
Country Classics	13	199
Happy Sharks	13	143
Pop Darts	13	134
Cult of Personality	12	116
Pirates	11	110
Madhouse Crew	13	93
Stumpy's Gang	10	89
HRT	11	80
PK's	9	67
From Small Acorns	9	60

Most 180s: Simon Mainwaring and Dave Mears & Richard Sansom (all Country Classics) 2 each. **Team:** Country Classics 7.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Best of a Bad Lot	13	143
Winning Team	11	128
Two Minute Crew	11	123
We can do this	10	115
Happy Days	12	113
Dizzy Tarts	12	99
Chard Remains	11	97
Red Devils	10	94
Rare Breeds	11	89
Bye Knees	11	82

Most 180s: James Packer (We can do This) 2. **Team:** Two Minute Crew and We Can do This - both 2.

CREWKERNE & DISTRICT LEAGUE

Division One	Pld	Pts
Famous Five	11	96
Royal Oak	11	83
Mighty Oaks	10	74
Jokers	11	69
Slaps Lot	8	50
Cats Eyes	9	41
Bale Outs	9	38
Ragged Rebels	9	38
Chuck em & See	9	37
Happy's	7	32
Phoenix Clubbers	7	38
Del Boys	7	11

HIGHEST GET-OUT: C.Adams 161
180s: A.Hodges, J.Hodges, N.Hawker, P.Spurdlie, L.Joy, D.Stubbs, A.Flooks, D.Rowley, G.Hill, N.Cheney, L.Cox, C.Studley, S.Whitley, K.Harris, K.Charles, P.Lawrence, H.Eglen, B.Male, M.Curry, A.Haines, D.White.

Division One	Pld	Pts
Merriott Club	11	72
NSJL	10	64
Rosies Rebels	8	61
Smilers Lot	8	59
The Dart Side	10	56
Allsorts	10	52
Friends	8	51
Misfits	10	45
Globetrotters	10	43
Wanderers	10	36
MPT	8	29

HIGHEST GET-OUT: D.Frost 130.

scrum-down rugby news

Imperial leathered by Crewkerne!

THE weather frustrated Chard 1st XV again last Saturday when the heavy rain on the Friday left the pitch waterlogged and so the attractive home fixture against St Austell was postponed for the second time in a month.

There is no news yet of when this game will be re-played.

Chard are away at Thornbury in South Gloucestershire tomorrow and will be looking to avenge the narrow 21-18 scoreline in their only home defeat of the season so far back in October.

Chard 2nd xv are at home to Hornets tomorrow in Somerset Division One and the 3rd xv are at home to Martock in Somerset 3 south.

All three games kick off at 2.30pm.

Meanwhile, utility three-quarter Jason Luff has left the club and signed for Topsham RFC.

Over at Crewkerne, the 1st XV beat visiting Imperial 12-8 at Henhayes to move up to seventh in the Somerset Division One table.

Crewkerne are due to entertain Old Sulians tomorrow.

SW1 Table	Pld	+/	Pts
Cleve	18	268	67
Hornets	17	251	61
North Petherton	17	141	61
St Austell	16	273	61
Camborne	16	97	56
CHARD	16	102	53
Thornbury	18	-84	50
Bridgwater & Albion	18	40	38
Cullompton	18	-54	32
Clevedon	17	-91	32
Bideford	16	-81	27

SOMERSET 1	Pld	+/	Pts
Clevedon II	18	328	75
Castle Cary	16	233	59
Imperial	17	112	59
North Petherton II	16	127	56
Hornets II	16	148	52
Midsomer Norton II	15	42	48
CREWKERNE	18	127	46
Wellington II	16	-1	41
Yatton II	17	55	40
Bridgwater & Albion II	17	62	39
Old Sulians	17	-192	22
CHARD II	16	-286	21
Wells II	17	-434	7
Old Redcliffians III	18	-321	-6



■ BURSTING THROUGH: Martin Cole on the charge in Crewkerne's 12-8 victory over Imperial.
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swimming chard & district club

BY HANNAH PULLINGER

Local swimmers shine at first club gala of year

SWIMMERS ranging from six to 16 years took part in Chard & District Swimming Club's first Club Gala of the year at Flamingo Pool in Axminster last week writes Hannah Pullinger.

Excellent swims secured a Bronze Speed badge for 9 and under swimmers Freddie Coles and Grace Lambert swimming under 20 seconds in the 25m free for the first time, and a Silver Speed Badge for Simon Davis (12) in the 50m freestyle, for swimming under 36 seconds for the first time.

There were also 43 Somerset County qualifying times achieved (regional and national qualifying times cannot officially be achieved at this level of competition).

Swimmers-of-the-Month were Henry Taswell (12) for achieving a new regional qualifying time in the 200m backstroke in December, and Xanthe Dyer (11) for achieving the most improvement points at galas in December.

Results: 8 & Under Events: Boys 25m Back: 1st M Humphreys; Boys 25m Breast: 1st F Downes, 2nd M Humphreys; Girls 25m Fly: 1st C Webb, 2nd E Huntley 3rd D Russell; Girls 25m Free: 1st E Huntley, 2nd K Flannigan, 3rd C Webb

Girls 50 Breast: Open: 1st T Down, 2nd M Hanson, 3rd F Swan; 13/14 Years: 1st J Fowler, 2nd M Riley, 3rd J Voysey; 12 Years: 1st X Dyer, 2nd D Brett, 3rd I Waterhouse; 11 Years: 1st H Copeman, 2nd E McDonald, 3rd P Clark; 10 Years: 1st M Downes, 2nd B Barrand, 3rd M Huntley; 9 Years: 1st G Lambert, 2nd M Porter, 3rd J McAuley

Boys 50 Fly: Open: 1st J Spurway, 2nd O Bilbie, 3rd A Lillington; 13/14 Years: 1st H Taswell, 2nd B Greenslade, 3rd O Rodger; 12 Years: 1st J Copeman, 2nd O Bright; 11 Years: 1st L Rood, 2nd J Porter, 3rd W Hawkins; 10 Years: 1st C Dickinson, 2nd J Brett, 3rd F Parry Leyshon

Girls 200 Back: Open: 1st M Hanson, 2nd F Swan, 3rd T Down; 13/14 Years: 1st J Fowler, 2nd M Riley, 3rd N Doble; 12 Years: 1st X Dyer, 2nd H Dickinson, 3rd D Brett; 11 Years: 1st E McDonald, 2nd H Copeman, 3rd P Clark; 10 Years: 1st A Greenslade, 2nd M Downes, 3rd M Huntley;

Boys 200 Breast: Open: 1st P Harrison, 2nd I Ross, 3rd J Spurway; 13/14 Years: 1st L Kindred, 2nd H Taswell, 3rd S Davis; 12 Years: 1st O Bright, 2nd O Parry Leyshon, 3rd O Agathocleous;

11 Years: 1st J Porter, 2nd W Hawkins; 10 Years: 1st N Beauchamp, 2nd J Shrubbs; 9 Years: 1st F Coles

Girls 100 Fly: Open: 1st M Hanson, 2nd T Down, 3rd F Swan; 13/14

Years: 1st J Fowler, 2nd M Shrubbs; 12 Years: 1st X Dyer, 2nd M Herbert, 3rd D Brett; 11 Years: 1st E McDonald; 10 Years: 1st A Greenslade, 2nd B Barrand, 3rd M Huntley

Boys 100 Free: Open: 1st O Bilbie, 2nd J Spurway, 3rd L Pearson; 13/14 Years: 1st H Taswell, 2nd B Greenslade, 3rd S Davis; 12 Years: 1st J Copeman, 2nd O Bright, 3rd O Parry Leyshon; 11 Years: 1st L Rood, 2nd J Porter, 3rd W Hawkins; 10 Years: 1st C Dickinson, 2nd J Brett, 3rd J Shrubbs; 9 Years: 1st F Coles

Boys 200 Individual Medley: Open: 1st J Spurway, 2nd L Pearson, 3rd P Harrison; 13/14 Years: 1st H Taswell, 2nd L Kindred, 3rd S Davis; 12 Years: 1st J Copeman, 2nd O Bright; 11 Years: 1st L Rood, 2nd J Porter, 3rd D Humphreys; 10 Years: 1st 1st C Dickinson, 2nd J Brett, 3rd N Beauchamp

Girls Novice 25m: 1st G Lambert, 2nd E Huntley, 3rd M Porter; Girls Novice 50m: 1st I Waterhouse, 2nd D Brett, 3rd M Herbert; Boys Novice 25m: 1st F Coles, 2nd M Humphreys;

Boys Novice 50m: 1st S Davis, 2nd T Simpson, 3rd O Bright

■ IN-FORM: Swimmers of the month - Xanthe Dyer and Henry Taswell



indoor football yeovil 6-a-side league

NO Chance appear to be incorrectly named if this weeks results in the Yeovil six-a-side league are anything to go by.

The team put their relegation fears firmly to the back of their minds with a quite stunning 8-1 victory over Slam The Salmon. Elsewhere Moves Like Agger will be dancing in the streets no doubt, after they beat Kamikaze Zebras 6-0 as Kieran Brooke starred.

Panthers and Blackmores showed that two teams in mid-table of division one were evenly matched, producing a thriller which saw 10 goals - and the points shared, but leaders Barrington FC showed their class again, leaving Pele's Children deep in trouble after a 7-0 loss.

The Only Way Is Wessex moved to the summit of division two after they dismissed No Pain No Gain 8-2, while Swag Lads, who had sat top, were held to a 1-1 draw by strugglers MNFC.

Anyone who wants to join the leagues in Yeovil, or the brand new competitions in Weymouth which start this month, can ring 0333 123 2340 or visit www.leisureleagues.net

CURRENT TABLES

Premier	Pld	+/	Pts
NWA!	8	31	14
Yeovil Landrover	8	18	13
U Will be Guttis	8	0	11
Moves Like Aggar	8	-5	8
No Chance	8	14	6
Stroke T	8	2	6
Kamikaze Zebras	8	-15	6
Slam that Salmon	8	-45	0

Division One	Pld	+/	Pts
Barrington FC	8	30	14

Division Two	Pld	+/	Pts
50 Shades of A.Gray	8	25	12
Panthers	8	18	11
Westfield FC	8	-2	9
Blackmores	8	2	8
Pele's Children	8	-19	5
No Kalou FC	8	-18	3
Bunch of Mugs	8	-31	2

■ TITLE FAVOURITES: Barrington FC are looking a good bet for promotion from Division One.



racing bob buckler stable Ugolin makes useful debut

THE long awaited debut of **UGOLIN DE BEAUMONT** finally took place last week writes Stuart Broom.

After several abortive attempts, and although a sixth place finish in the 2m Connolly's Red Mills Bumper Challenge Standard Open NH Flat Race at Wincanton does not sound too impressive on paper, local trainer Bob Buckler was delighted with his run.

"It has been difficult finding the right race for him and when we have the fixture has been cancelled or the ground waterlogged.

"The conditions over the past two months have also made it difficult to give him track experience at home which didn't help.

a chaser in the making

"It was a very good quality bumper with some very good horses in it, but he travelled well. However as they turned for home he was caught a bit one-pace, but halfway down the straight he realised what he needed to do and stayed on well, passing several horses on the way.

"I'm absolutely delighted. He's a chaser in the making and coped well with the heavy ground, and will have learned a lot from the experience in his first run. He's an exciting horse for the future."

Despite being pulled up three fences out, Buckler was also pleased with the running of **REDLYNCH ROCK** in the Conditional Jockeys Handicap Hurdle at Taunton.

The six-year-old who has excelled most in good ground found the atrocious conditions over 3m1f too much for him, and having been prominent for most of the way eventually gave way to the ground.

"He absolutely hated it. We decided to give him a run and see how he went, but he couldn't cope and in addition he ripped a front shoe off which wouldn't have helped him, but his jumping was sound.

"We will now wait for better ground before running him again."

As they stand

Toolstation Div 1	Pld	+/	Pts
Bradford Town	26	76	69
Shepton Mallet	27	45	61
Wilton Rovers	27	26	53
Cribbs	30	12	49
Wellington	26	9	48
Wincanton Town	25	31	44
Devizes Town	29	4	44
Almondsbury UWE	28	-3	42
Barnstaple Town	23	14	40
Corsham Town	25	-18	39
Ashton & Backwell	24	1	38
Wells City	25	5	37
Roman Glass St G	28	-9	36
Westbury United	29	-11	33
Chippenham Park	27	-13	33
CHARD TOWN (16th)	27	-3	32
Calne Town	29	-6	32
Cheddar	25	-18	28
Warminster Town	29	-28	26
Keynsham Town	30	-33	26
Oldland Abbotonians	27	-32	16
Portsmouth Town	27	-49	11

Somerset Premier	Pld	+/	Pts
Shirehampton	20	47	47
Nailsea Utd	19	21	44
Clutton	19	20	41
Fry Club	20	29	40
Watchet Town	16	15	37
Minehead	19	20	33
Stockwood Green	21	-2	33
Berrow	20	5	30
Bishops Lydeard	21	-6	25
Cutters Friday	19	24	24
Weston St Johns	18	-12	22
Bridgwater Town Res	20	-17	22
Yatton Athletic	21	-11	21
Nailsea Town	19	-12	20
Langford Rovers	19	-12	15
Street Res	17	-23	15
ILMINSTER TOWN	17	-17	14
Odd Down Res	21	-39	10

Somerset Div 2W	Pld	+/	Pts
Cleeve West Town	17	35	40
Glastonbury	16	32	37
North Curry	18	23	35
Stapleford	15	19	31
COMBE ST NICHOLAS	20	17	31
Winscombe	16	12	29
Portsmouth Town Res	16	8	29
Wells City Res	15	13	28
Uphill Castle	16	21	24
Westlake Lions	16	1	24
Worle	18	-2	24
Nailsea Utd Res	17	-10	20
Burnham Utd Res	16	-36	14
Churchill Club	19	-40	15
Cheddar Res	18	-17	11
Nailsea Town Res	18	-20	9
Weston St Johns Res	23	-56	7

D&E Premier Div	Pld	+/	Pts
Newtown	13	44	37
St Martins	13	55	36
Budleigh Saltertn Res	19	-15	29
Feniton	12	20	24
Seaton Town	11	-2	22
CHARD TOWN RES	16	3	18
Exeter University Res	12	-4	18
Tiverton Town Res	8	16	16
Hatherleigh Town	11	3	16
Willand Rovers Res	11	-6	16
Thorverton	10	-9	15
Topsham Town	16	-14	15
Beer Albion	15	-20	14
Clyst Valley	14	-30	5
Heavitree Utd	13	-41	5

* = points deducted

PSDL

Premier	Pld	+/	Pts
Crewkerne Town	11	24	26
Perry Street	11	19	23
Lyme Regis	7	19	19
Shepton Beauchamp	9	12	14
W & M Chinnock	9	3	14
Millwey Rise	11	1	12
Misterton	9	0	12
Beaminsters	7	0	12
Combe Res	10	-13	11
Ilminster Town Res	8	-16	6
Winham Utd	13	-49	1

Division One	Pld	+/	Pts
South Petherton	11	31	29
Perry Street Res	10	21	22
Lyme Regis Res	8	17	19
Forton Rangers	11	5	18
Barrington	12	7	17
Netherbury	12	-7	14
Pymore	10	-4	13
Farway Utd	12	-9	13
Beaminsters Res	12	-39	5
Uplymere	10	-22	3

Division Two	Pld	+/	Pts
Chard Utd	9	32	27
Luso-Chard	13	24	26
Thorncombe	12	11	22
Charmouth	11	13	21
Combe A	12	9	21
Waytown Hounds	11	14	20
Ilminster Colts	13	-21	15
Crewkerne Rangers	11	-10	11
Dowlish & Donyatt	13	-20	8
Crewkerne Town Res	11	-19	6
South Petherton Res	12	-33	2

Division Three	Pld	+/	Pts
Drimpton	10	13	23
Chard Utd Res	12	2	23
Barrington Res	11	15	22
Lyme Bantams	11	11	20
Hawkhurst Utd	11	8	19
Shepton Beau Res	9	8	14
Millwey Rise Res	9	-1	11
Ilminster Town A	9	-6	9
Winham Utd Res	11	-27	5
Chard Rangers	12	-23	3

Division Four	Pld	+/	Pts
Merriott Dynamos	13	43	31
Kingsbury Episcopi	12	31	31
Forton Rangers Res	10	22	22
Thorncombe Res	11	16	21
Combe B	13	9	20
Misterton Reserves	10	0	17
Hinton St George	13	-18	10
Crewkerne Rangers Res	10	-10	9
Uplymere Res	12	-11	9
Farway Utd Res	12	-42	7
Chard Rangers Res	12	-40	3

* = 12s deducted

LOCAL FOOTBALL NEWS

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Rutter double gives Blues renewed hope

A WATERLOGGED Zembard Lane saw **Chard Town's** scheduled visit by Bristol-based Cribbs postponed last Saturday.

It was a similar story on Wednesday with the evening's visit by Westbury United unsurprisingly called off before midday.

Tomorrow the Robins, who have slipped a couple of places to 16th in the Toolstation Western League Division One table, head off to Weymouth Street where hosts Warminster Town lay in wait.

Chard manager Adam Fricker is without the suspended Sam Spurway

and the unavailable Jamie Underwood "Other than that we're fully fit - we just need a game!" said Fricker.

Squad: Jason Hutchings, Jamie Barfoot, Mark Armstrong, Nathan Warren, Oscar Latis, Andy Martin, Sam Clark, Taofik Ben Salem, Ben Haines, George Chlopecki, Mike McCormack, Leigh Bailey, Mark Scott, Darren Hutchings.

SOMERSET LEAGUE

THERE was better news from **Ilminster Town** who re-ignited their hopes of beating relegation from the Somerset Premier Division with a 4-2 win at Berrow on Saturday.

Buoyed by the battling 1-1 draw at Cutters Friday last time out, the Blues took an early lead through Charlie Rutter. The hosts responded almost immediately with an equaliser.

But this was to be Ilminster's day as they went on to score four for the first time in almost 15 months.

Top-scorer Rutter struck again before the interval, his seventh of the season, and Chris Neziyanya gave Darren Manley's side some breathing space on the hour mark.

The win was sealed by Alex Paul in the 71st minute and a late Berrow second was a scant consolation.

Ilminster will look to continue their mini-revival going when they head off to face a Stockwood Green side that, although lying seventh in the table, have lost five of their last six.

Combe St Nicholas were without a fixture but their boss Phil Loaring was still busy overseeing the managerless Reserves in their 1-1 draw with Perry Street.

The Saints are due to travel to face league leaders Cleeve West Town tomorrow.

DEVON & EXETER

CHARD TOWN RESERVES' much anticipated trip to Tiverton Town Reserves

was another fixture that was beaten by the weather.

The Robins' second-string, currently sixth in the table, are due to entertain 10th placed Willand Rovers Reserves tomorrow.

SOMERSET LADIES

ALL of the local teams fixtures were washed out last weekend.

SUNDAY'S FIXTURES (all Division Two 2pm ko): Combe St Nicholas v Bristolington Dev, Evercreech v Winham Ladies, Ilminster Town Reserves v Team Mendip Res, Taunton Town Dev Merriott & Crewkerne Ladies.

Referee Rex recovering after collapsing at Combe

ROUND-UP - Saturday, February 1st
TOMMY TABBERER CUP Round One

SOUTH PETHERTON RES 1 ILMINSTER COLTS 3
ILMINSTER TOWN Colts booked a quarter-final at Crewkerne Rangers and gave new player-manager Kenny Timson a winning start to his time in the hot seat.

Tom Callow tapped-in to put the visitors ahead only for Dave Batstone to level for Pethy.

The Blues regained the lead in bizarre fashion when keeper Joe Draper's long downfield punt was headed into his own net from the edge of the box by an under pressure home defender.

Timson himself sealed the win with a fine 25-yard free-kick.

QUARTER-FINAL DRAW:

Chard Utd v Waytown Hounds
Crewkerne Rangers v Ilminster Town Colts
Crewkerne Res v Dowlish or Luso-Chard
Combe A v Thorncombe or Charmouth.

BILL BAILEY CUP Round One

WINHAM UTD RES 1 CHARD RANGERS 3

AFTER a goal less first-half, strikes from Jordan Capper (2), his first for the club, and Scott Marshall saw Chard Rangers bring an end to their six-game losing run.

Corey Sutherland grabbed the 88th minute consolation for the hosts.

QUARTER-FINAL DRAW:

Barrington Res v Lyme Regis Bantams
Chard Rangers v Chard Utd Res
Drimpton v Shepton Beauchamp Res
Hawkhurst v Ilminster A or Millwey Res

REG EGLON CUP Round One

FORTON RANGERS RES 1 THORNCOMBE RES 2
IN-FORM Forton Rangers Reserves were brought crashing down to earth and out of the Eglogn cup as Thorncombe Reserves recorded an excellent away win.

Liam Male and Matt Shattock netted for the Thorns with the latter's strike coming two minutes from time. Justin James scored his 12th goal of the season for Forton.

MERRIOTT DYNAMOS 10 HINTON 0

MERRIOTT Dynamos racked up a double figure score for the third time this season as they put their landlords Hinton to the sword.

Grant Symes (2), Adam Swinnerton (2), Kieran Adams (2), Barry Hayne, Lewis Fisher, Dan Edmund and Hung Dang all tucked-in at the goal feast for the Dynamos who also recorded their fifth clean sheet on the spin.

MISTERTON RESERVES 2 KINGSBURY EPISCOPI 3
LUKE Monk's hat-trick saw Kingsbury progress to the quarter-finals of the Reg Eglogn Cup at Unity Lane last Saturday writes Stuart Broom.

Both sides missed penalties in a game spoilt by the strong wind that blew almost diagonally across the ground.

Misterton started the brighter kicking against the elements, and Adam Manley went close on two minutes when he drove Ricky Smith's lay-back wide of the far post

from an angle.

It took Kingsbury 18 minutes to register their first effort on goal, Giles McGilvary firing a 25-yard free-kick wide of the far post.

The wind and a bumpy pitch didn't help, as both sides found it difficult to string passes together or create chances and it wasn't until the half hour mark before another worthy effort on goal was recorded when Joe Dejeebet was just wide with a 20-yard free-kick.

But a minute later Kingsbury went ahead when Lewis Bowditch's determination saw the ball fall eventually to the unmarked Monk who had the easy task of rolling the ball home from eight yards.

Two minutes later Misterton had the opportunity to level when visiting keeper Carl Sterman brought down Smith as they chased down a through ball.

However, not only was skipper Gerry Hill's spot-kick too close to Sterman who beat the ball away, but he injured himself taking it and had to be substituted.

With the wind behind them after the break Misterton got an equaliser on 53 minutes; Neil Hawkins managing to poke the ball past the Kingsbury stopper.

Five minutes later Nigel Jeffery's run and cross down the left saw Monk beat keeper Ash O'Brien to the ball and flick it high into the net with the outside of his boot to restore the visitors' lead.

They had the chance to increase that advantage from the penalty spot on 80 minutes when O'Brien brought down Jeffery,



RECOVERING: Rex Selwood

but like Misterton, their captain Giles McGilvary missed, his attempt hitting the post.

However, two minutes later they did find the net to seal a well-earned victory when Jeffery again fed Monk who pounced to slot the ball just inside O'Brien's left hand post.

Although Hawkins fired home a fine 30-yard shot just inside the far post a minute from time, it was too little too late for Misterton.

QUARTER-FINAL DRAW

Uplymere Res v Chard Rangers Res
Kingsbury Episcopi v Farway Utd Res
Merriott Dynamos v Combe B
Crewkerne Rangers Res v Thorncombe Res

PREMIER

COMBE RES 1 PERRY STREET 1

PERRY Street's title aspirations took another blow as they were held to a draw on the slope at Slades Cross.

A 30-yard free-kick from Jake Board saw the Mothers hold a slender lead at the turnaround.

But the Saints, boosted by the inclusion of a sprinkling of eligible first teamers, grabbed a second-half leveller through Steve Every.

The point sees the Mothers move to within three points of current leaders Crewkerne but have played one game more.

DIVISION THREE

BARRINGTON RES 0 DRIMPTON 0

TWO of the Division Three promotion contenders slugged it out for 0-0 draw up at Shellway Lane.

DIVISION FOUR

COMBE B 5 UPLYMERE RESERVES 1

(Abandoned approx 70 minutes)

THERE was drama of the unwanted kind as referee Rex Selwood was taken ill at a bitterly cold Slades Cross on Saturday.

Referee Selwood, one of the PSDL's more senior officials, felt unwell midway through the second-half and subsequently collapsed as he was about to relinquish the whistle.

Mr Selwood was treated at the ground before being taken off to Taunton's Musgrove Park Hospital. League officials confirmed he returned from hospital on Monday and the whole of the PSDL wish him well.

The game itself was dominated by a fierce icy wind blowing up the slope. Both teams struggled to come to terms with the conditions in the opening quarter.

The Saints finally broke the deadlock in the 24th minute when Mike Usher launched a 25-yarder that drifted on the wind and sailed high into Uplymere keeper Joe Cleere's top-corner.

The visitors had their moments and Combe gloveman Trevor Pridde made a couple of decent stops.

But the hosts gradually began to carve open the better opportunities and a foul in the box on the half-hour allowed Usher to bag his second from the penalty spot.

The killer third goal arrived just three minutes before the break when Ryan Peacock slotted a low drive past Cleere.

Aided by the elements in the second-half, Uplymere attempted to take the game to the Saints.

Liam Aldworth went close with a 25-yard free-kick that Pridde did well to tip over the bar. The resulting corner was then scrambled off the line.

At the other end substitute Steve Chadwick almost scored with his first-touch but his shot struck the crossbar.

But the fourth goal came soon after when another clumsy foul in the area allowed Usher to the stroke home his second penalty and complete his hat-trick.



■ USHERED IN: Combe B striker Mike Usher (9) converts his second penalty in Saturday's 5-1 win over Uplymere Reserves at Slades Cross.
Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE

It was 5-0 two minutes later when substitute Ash Spurrell bundled home Peacock's low cross.

Uplymere pulled a goal back in the 68th minute with their best move of the match. Midfielder Pete Blandman won the ball in the midfield and set free Fifer on the left-flank.

The teenager then rolled a cross through the six-yard box to his player-manager Stuart Wooster who tapped-in.

The match was then halted due to the unfortunate incident involving referee Selwood.

There is some confusion over the actual game time completed, either 68 or 72 minutes, the PSDL committee will decide if the match is to be replayed.

RESULTS

Thursday, January 30th

John Fowler Cup Final

Drimpton P Ilminster Town A P
(Bridport FC waterlogged - re-arranged date to be confirmed)

Saturday - February 1st

TOMMY TABBERER CUP Round One

South Petherton Res 1 Ilminster Colts 3

BILL BAILEY CUP Round One

Winham Utd Res 1 Chard Rangers 3

REG EGLON CUP Round One

Forton Rangers Res 1 Thorncombe Res 2

Merriott Dynamos 10 Hinton St George 0

Misterton Res 2 Kingsbury Episcopi 3

PREMIER

Combe St Nicholas Res 1 Perry Street 1

DIVISION THREE

Barrington Res 0 Drimpton 0

DIVISION FOUR

Combe St Nicholas B 5 Uplymere Res 1

Current top-goal scorers (10 or more)

PREMIER: Jamie Spurdle (Crewkerne Town)

22, Liam Riste (Perry Street) 18, Levi Hoole

(Millwey Rise) 17, Joe Bond (Lyme Regis)

12, Richard Crabb (Crewkerne Town) 10.

DIVISION ONE: Jody Bovey (South Petherton)

22, Dan Collins (Perry Street Res) 14, Jay Stewart (Perry Street Res) 12, Steve</

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